



AP Biology

MONTGOMERY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



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Overall Course Content.....

- The course will have similar content as Regular or Honors Biology but will go into much greater detail.
- Students will conduct numerous experiments, many of which they design on their own.
- The course has an emphasis on investigations and data analysis not present in biology.
- Students will conduct research on a topic of their choosing and write a research paper in APA format.

Why Take This AP Course.....

- Well first off because science is cool!!! Who wouldn't want to learn more about science!
- AP is a great course for students interested in digging deeper into science, understanding not only that things occur in living organisms but why and how they occur.
- Anyone interested in a career in any health sciences would benefit greatly from this class. (Future doctors, nurses, pharmacists, researchers, lab techs, geneticists, crime scene investigators and the list goes on.)
- This class gives you one of the few opportunities in H.S. to conduct research and write using APA format.

Cost and Saving Breakdown for Students.....

- AP exams normally cost around \$94, but NMSI will pay half the cost of the test for any AP Biology Student.
- If a student scores a 3, 4 or 5 on the AP Biology exam, they will receive \$100 from NMSI.
- If a student scores a 3, 4 or 5 on the AP Biology exam they will also get a refund for the money they spent on the exam.
- There will be three NMSI sponsored Saturday study sessions available for students enrolled in the course.
- Students will take and receive feedback on a mock exam.

Frequently Asked Questions.....

- What classes do I have to have completed before taking AP Biology? *Biology and Chemistry are prerequisites.*
- Do I have to take the exam if I am in the course? *Yes. All AP students must take the exam at the end of the year.*
- If I do not pass the AP exam with a 3 or better can I still pass the class? *Yes, they are separate from one another.*
- Why would I take an AP class and take the chance of lowering my GPA? *While AP classes are challenging, the rewards can be tremendous. To help offset the difficulty and GPA scores, all AP students that make a 70 or higher get 5 points added to their 9 weeks final grade.*