

AP Biology Application 2020-21

The AP Biology course is designed to be the equivalent of a college introductory course usually taken by biology majors during their first year. After showing themselves to be qualified on the AP Examination, some students, as college freshmen, are permitted to undertake upper level courses in biology or to register for courses for which biology is a prerequisite. Other students may have fulfilled a basic requirement for a laboratory-science course and will be able to undertake other courses to pursue their majors.

The following are the prerequisites for AP Biology.

1. You must be a **Senior** during the 2020-21 school year. (Exceptions will be made for qualified juniors if spaces are available.)
2. Earned an A or B (no lower than a B- (80%) in **Biology** and **Chemistry**.
The guidance office will supply the AP teacher with transcripts to verify grades in each of these courses.

If you have not met the Biology and/or Chemistry prerequisites then you have the option of preparing to take the Biology and/or Chemistry test out exam in August 2020. If you earn above a B- (80%) then you may be enrolled in AP Biology. **Caution:** The test out pathway does not provide for any lab experience and you will most likely not have covered the material to the same depth as the Chemistry or Biology course at OHS which could put you at a relative disadvantage. MVHS and LCC courses are NOT sufficient for admittance to AP Biology.

If you have **not** taken Biology or Chemistry then please check the box indicating that you will be taking the test out exam given in August of 2020 and scoring 80% or above.

Student name _____ Year of Graduation - _____
(Please print clearly)

Student number _____

*** If you are planning to test out, you cannot enroll for the AP Biology course this spring. AFTER you have met the requirement, you can go to “drops and adds” and add the course.

Please return this application to Ms. Palmer (C220) or Mr. Carrier (C225) by Feb. 7, 2020.

FOR PARENTS OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT STUDENTS

Okemos High School offers the Advanced Placement Program of studies for talented students who are capable of doing college level work. There is an application/selection process for admission to each Advanced Placement course. Students who take Advanced Placement courses are required to take the Advanced Placement Examination in that area which is given annually in May. The Advanced Placement exam is an integral part of the Advanced Placement course, and the content of that exam shapes the framework of the course. Students taking Advanced Placement courses are making a commitment to excellence, and the Advanced Placement Examination provides both a unity of purpose and the measure of integrity of the course experience. Fairness to all (the others in the class, the teacher, and the colleges seeing AP on a transcript) decrees that all students complete the requirements of the Advanced Placement course by taking the Advanced Placement Examination.

There is an Advanced Placement Examination fee that the student must pay. However, there is a fee waiver provision for any student who may have difficulty paying it. If a student has difficulty paying the fee, Mrs. Akers in the Counseling Office should be contacted and arrangements to discuss fee reduction or waiver will be made. Each year the College Board provides fee reductions for candidates who are unable to pay the full fee for each Advanced Placement AP Examination. Available funds are limited. Therefore, fee reductions should be requested only for those students whose financial needs are clear. The basic guidelines for financial need is membership in a low-income family.

The fee for the Advanced Placement exam is due in September 2020. If the payment is not submitted by the due date, a late fee will be applied to each exam fee.

If a student withdraws from an Advanced Placement course, the colleges and universities to which the student has already applied will be informed of the change in the student's schedule.

I have read the above statement and agree to abide by it.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read the above statement and am aware of and support the commitment made by my son/daughter to the requirements listed here and on the application form.

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

If a student fails to apply for an advanced placement course by the February deadline, that student's approval for AP enrollment will be based on the same criteria required of the February deadline but may also be limited by seat availability. (The number of sections offered is determined by on-time applications.) Late applications should be submitted to the AP teacher who will then conference with the advanced placement committee to determine whether or not the late applicant will be placed on the approved list. Placement on the "approved list" does not ensure placement in the course if seats are not available. Therefore, it is highly recommended that students meet the AP application deadline