

Dear AP Biology Student,

My advice to you is to **STUDY**. You will find the AP exam approaching very quickly, even if you think it's miles away right now. Never stop studying. Also, do your own homework. You may want to just get it done, but your knowledge of the information is essential to all success. Make sure to ask questions because Mrs. Piedell has a great way of explaining things, and she will never get tired of teaching you. Don't be intimidated by the "AP" title; you are just like every other advanced placement student. You can be successful in this class as long as you try to learn. DO NOT procrastinate; everything will come sooner than you may think. Dedicate a couple hours each night to Biology, whether it's watching review videos or doing homework. Lastly, enjoy this class, because it's super fun!

From,

Last Year AP Bio Student Who Wishes  
They Studied More

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Dear Future AP Biology Students,

Welcome to one of the best classes at Brookings High School! As you embark on the next year, I have some advice for you. Participate, participate, participate. This class was always one that I looked forward to because everyone got involved and were willing to work together. Secondly, study study, study! This is a challenging AP class and it requires effort. For me the best study tools were the chapter summaries, the book that partners with the textbook and the Bozeman Science videos. And Lastly stay organized! When April comes around and you begin to seriously study for that AP exam, you will want your diagrams about photosynthesis and the chart of all the inherited diseases. Have fun and have a great year. Also if you feel adventurous, name all your test subjects as if they were children. My tomato plant named Glen Coco was amazing at losing water.

Strive for a 5, AP Biology Class  
of 2015

Dear Future AP Student,


05/12/2015

This is a class in which you need to be active and participate regularly. Most of the days are lab days, and you need to stay focused. As for procrastination, you can procrastinate in this class just like you can in any other class, but I do not recommend it for this class. The tests are challenging, but if you read the book you will get an A on them. If you don't read the book, it's still okay, and I am saying that from experience. But you definitely need to pay attention in class and ask questions!

I would recommend taking the AP Exam because almost all universities accept the class. It is worth the money. Out of all of the AP classes, Biology was probably my favorite.

Also, review from the green book! And keep organized!

Good Luck,

  
AP Bio Class of 2015

## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO TO BE SUCCESSFUL:

- Read Textbook, little each day
- Bozeman is clutch.
- Stay organized, LOTS of papers
  - At least 1.5" Binder
- Refer to ~~the~~ Bio/H. Bio Notes before starting new chapter
- Most probably upper-classmen, so now is a good time to begin ~~use~~ college study habits now
  - 3:1 ratio (3 hrs <sup>study</sup> out of class for every 1 hr in)

## Things to consider for incoming AP Bio students:

- Tests are hard, have to study for them
- You may doze off in class during powerpoints. If so, get caught up before the test
- Vocab is king
- Work together to lessen the homework load
- Ask questions if you are confused
- Nag Kevin Wu for his AP Bio Stuff! Peinters, consult the debate room
- Blame others for your lab failures
- Chapter review sheets that Mrs. Riedel hands out are your best friend
- USE THE INTERNET TEXTBOOK FOR REVIEW - has "chapter tests" or them that are ridiculously hard
- Test corrections practically guarantee that you will get at least 50%
- If school is easy for you, then the AP test is a piece of cake.
- Stick tape on each other's bodies to remain awake
- Take a bunch of pipettes during lab days and run around squinting people with them
- E is always the correct answer on clicker reviews

Next year AP Biology Student my advice for you next year is to study for all the tests whether you know it or not and always ask questions if you don't understand something. Most of what you learn at the beginning of the year will stay with you till the end. Doing your own homework and taking the time to learn and practice will benefit you in the long run. Also always listen in lectures they may get boring or you may get sleepy but listening carefully will help you. Be organized with your work because there is a ton of papers and notes throughout the year. You get many books and I wish I would have spent more of my time reading and studying from them. Also take the AP test no matter what. I regret not taking it because it seemed to hard but it may end up not being all so bad. My overall advice is just work hard and study and you will do just fine!