

Biology - Honors

The Honors Biology class moves faster and covers more content than standard Biology. This class is recommended for students who read at an advanced level, are able to express themselves well in writing and are self-driven learners. Biology is already a difficult class due to the large volume of material covered in the year, but the Honors course adds to that challenge while providing a deeper understanding of how God designed living things.

How is Honors different from the standard Biology class?

- ▶ **Grading Scale:** Tests are worth a higher percentage in Honors, while homework is worth less. This means test scores affect your overall grade more in Honors.
- ▶ **Content:** Both classes use the same textbook, but Honors covers additional chapters, such as biotechnology and learns more difficult information not required in the standard class.
- ▶ **Lab:** Extra activities are performed in Honors and are written up in a lab notebook instead of completing worksheets.
- ▶ **Quizzes:** Honors has more quizzes within each chapter, which means more study time each week.
- ▶ **Tests:** Honors tests contain more difficult questions than the standard class, with more emphasis on critical thinking, essay response and spelling.
- ▶ **Participation in class:** Honors students are expected to participate more often in class discussions.
- ▶ **Summer Assignments:** Honors students complete multiple assignments over the summer to prepare them to start the school year 2 chapters ahead of the standard class. Summer work is assigned via Google Classroom and must be completed before school begins.
- ▶ **Lab Orientation:** Honors students are required to attend a lab orientation session the week before school starts to get ahead in critical laboratory skills, be tested on lab safety and the summer work. The exact date(s) and time will be provided soon...

What is needed to be accepted into Honors?

- ✓ **Grade of B or higher** in middle school science classes.
- ✓ **Teacher recommendations** (completed by school administration, do not ask your teachers).
- ✓ An **entrance exam** is given to evaluate your current knowledge, critical thinking skills and ability to express yourself in written form. Information will be provided on exam dates.