

IB Biology II ARC 2025 - 2026

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Course Description: IB Biology is a **college-level** course. Students are expected to conduct themselves with the appropriate level of maturity, responsibility, and intrinsic motivation. Expectations of the students include the following:

Students will be expected to keep up with Kognity reading and lecture video assignments on the topics being covered in class. As a 21st Century Classroom, lessons will be based on student interaction and discussion. Any student whom wishes to have any additional PowerPoint presentation slides can obtain them by going to the Unit Module on Canvas. All class resources and assignments will be housed in Canvas Modules.

For testing purposes, students are responsible for all verbal information given by the teacher during the class session, any assigned reading and video lectures, any material from class handouts, in addition to any printed material in the lecture slides. The IB biology curriculum will move quickly and entails a large amount of information; students will be expected to stay on top of the material each day. Test will also include a few cumulative questions from previous units covered to make sure students are preparing long term for their IB Exams.

Student Responsibilities: Excused absences will warrant make-up work ***within 5 school days***. It is the student's responsibility to schedule a time to make up missing tests, quizzes, or labs. Labs may or may not be made-up depending on the nature of the lab. If a makeup lab is not feasible, an alternate assignment to correlate with the lab topic that was missed will be assigned. It is the responsibility of the student to find out what was missed when they have an excused absence.

Tutoring: Tutoring will be available before or after school by appointment from 7:45 – 8:10 am and 3:30 – 3:50pm. Please check Canvas announcements & the tutoring schedule on the board each week for availability.

Internal Assessments: IB Biology Students will be completing internal assessment labs this year. Please see additional handouts that will be forth coming explaining these individual assignments.

Academic Honesty: We take academic honesty very seriously in the IB Programme at ARC. We will adhere to ARC's IB Academic Honesty policy which can be found on the ARC IB website. The policy includes Level 1 (accidental or passive malpractice) and Level 2 (intentional or active malpractice) offenses. Level 1 offenses can often be corrected in class by a student/teacher conversation. Repeated Level 1 offenses will lead to a Level 2 offense. Level 2 offenses result in a meeting of all teachers, parents, student, IB Coordinator, and IB Head of School and result in 90 days of academic probation. A second offense results in a meeting with all teachers, parents, student, IB Coordinator, IB Head of School and principal and can result in dismissal from the IB Programme.

Assessment & Grading: We will adhere to the ARC Assessment Policy. Please see the attached page for the late work and AI policies and expectations. Please sign and return the first week of school.

Course Grading Procedures: We will follow the Richmond County Grading Policy for the calculation of semester grades:

Minor Grades: 60% Major Grades: 40% Final Exam: 10%

Reassessment: Students will be allowed the opportunity of reassessment for major assessments. Any student who wishes to reassess a major assessment will need to complete the reassessment plan expectations provided with the feedback from the original assessment. All reassessment expectations must be met to sit for reassessment.

IB Scores: IB Biology Diploma Points Evaluation: 24% = IB Moderated IA (IA Lab report and Group IV project); 76% = IB External Assessment (IB Examination Papers 1, 2, and 3).

IB Exam: All students are required to take the IB Biology Exams. The dates of the IB Biology Exams are May 11 (Papers 1a & 1b) and May 12 (Paper 2).

Supplies:

3 ring binder for class w/paper
Pen/Pencil
Basic Scientific Calculator
Highlighters
Index Cards
Student Laptops

General Classroom Supplies requested via donation:

Kleenex Hand Sanitizer
Post it Notes (any size)
Skinny Dry Erase Markers for student boards
Sharpies for Lab Work
Gloves for Lab Work

Behavior Expectations:

- Be respectful: Show respect to everyone and everything.
- Be prepared: Bring your daily-required materials and assignments to class every day.
- Be productive: Stay on task and complete the day's work.

Classroom Consequences for Minor Infractions:

1. Verbal reminder/warning
 2. Individual conference with student
 3. Relocation to another science classroom & time to reflect, Parent Contact
 4. Detention
 5. Infinite Campus Behavior Referral
- *Major Infractions will result in behavior referral

Lab Safety Contracts:

Please read, sign, and return the lab safety contracts during the first week of school. The lab safety quiz must be passed in order to work in the lab.

Technology: We will follow/enforce the Richmond County Digital Device Policy.

Providing Information:

Please go to the following link and provide the requested information: <http://bit.ly/2v6ApNe>

I look forward to working with you this year!

Ms. West-Hubbard

Late Work & AI Policy

Target Behavior: Students are expected to submit work on time. Doing so exhibits pride in producing quality work and fulfilling student responsibility. This work habit is a behavior that supports academic achievement and demonstrates characteristics from our Richmond County School System Profile of a Graduate. Late work can negatively impact learning and your ability to demonstrate mastery of the standards. *See RCBOE IHA-R Grading Practices*

Target Behavior: When the assignment calls for students to produce original work, students will not use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to generate the assignment for them. Assignments are given to help students learn and demonstrate what they know. While there may be appropriate times for students to use AI during the learning process, using AI to generate original work in place of the student completing the work, is considered Academic Dishonesty and can be punished according to the rules outlined in the Code of Conduct.

Student Contract: I understand that all work should be completed on time. I understand that my teacher may deduct five points per day and communicate this in my Infinite Campus gradebook. I also understand that work turned in after the learning has occurred may not be graded (no more than 5 school days from the due date). I understand that using Artificial Intelligence to complete assignments where I am asked to produce original work will be considered Academic Dishonesty.

Signature _____ Date _____ Student

Parent Contract: I understand that my child is expected to complete assignments on time. I will remain in communication with my child's teacher and monitor missing and late work as noted in Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If my child continues to submit work late, I understand that a parent-teacher conference will be needed to co-develop a plan of action. I understand that my child should not use Artificial Intelligence to complete assignments where students are asked to produce original work.

Signature _____ Date _____ Parent