

Dear Students,

Welcome to AP Biology! I am so excited that you chose to take on this challenge and I am looking forward to having the opportunity to work with you throughout the upcoming school year. AP Biology is designed to be the equivalent of a two-semester college level introductory science course. For this reason, the class will be rigorous and fast-paced. The expectation is that students will take the AP Biology Exam at the end of the course. This summer assignment is designed to help ensure that students are prepared for the demands of this class. You will be reviewing and studying two units of the AP course. We will then review these briefly in class, giving us more time to concentrate on units that are more complicated. If you complete the work thoroughly, you will set yourself up for a fabulous year.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions and I can't wait to begin this journey with you!

This summer packet includes the following sections:

Unit 8: Ecology:

Complete this [self-study packet](#) for unit 8. Please take the time to understand this unit as thoroughly as possible. Make a copy of these worksheets and email me the completed documents by August 23rd (my birthday – bribes welcome!)

[Google slides](#)

[worksheet 1](#)

[worksheet 2](#)

[worksheet 3](#)

[worksheet 4](#)

Unit 1: Chemistry of life

Throughout the AP Bio course, we will use [Mastering Biology](#) to both refresh 9th grade Biology learning or to lay the foundation for new materials.

To register for AP Biology 2026.27:

1. Go to <https://mlm.pearson.com/enrollment/billington84816> Opens in a New tab.
2. Sign in with your Pearson student account or create your account. For Instructors creating a Student account, do not use your instructor credentials.
3. Select any available access option, if asked.
 - Enter a prepaid access code that came with your textbook or from the bookstore
 - NEW STUDENT CODE: SSSRCC-WAHOO-TAINE-DISHY-HIGHS-BODES
4. Select Go to my course.
5. Select AP Biology from My Courses.

If you contact Pearson Support, give them the course ID: billington84816

To sign in later:

1. Go to <https://mlm.pearson.com> Opens in a New tab.
2. Sign in with the same Pearson account you used before.
3. Select AP Biology 2026.27 from My Courses.

So, that seems like a lot of work – it is. Remember, this is a college level course and you will be expected to work outside of the classroom on a regular basis so that class time is utilized for concepts that require more explanation. That being said, I will work as hard as you to ensure you are supported and enjoy the course.

Looking forward to a brilliant year,

Dr. Billington