

## **Honors and AP Science Placement Criteria**

### **The minimum criteria for admission to the Honors Biology course:**

Coming from Earth Science:

1. Average of A (93) for the first 3 marking periods.
2. Average of 87% on unit exams for the first 3 marking periods.
3. A grade of A- (90) for the first 3 marking periods in present math course (Algebra 1 or Math 8).
4. Science department recommendation.

### **The minimum criteria for admission to the Honors Chemistry course:**

Coming from Honors Biology:

1. Average of B+ (87) for the first 3 marking periods.
2. A grade of 80 on the Honors Biology mid-term.
3. A grade of A- (90) for the first 3 marking periods in present math course. (Algebra 1 or Algebra 2).
4. Science department recommendation.

Coming from Regents Biology:

1. Average of A (93) for the first 3 marking periods.
2. A grade of 80 on a qualifying exam given at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period.
3. A grade of A- (90) for the first 3 marking periods in present math course. (Algebra 1 or Algebra 2).
4. Science department recommendation.

Appeals for those who do not meet the Honors criteria can be made to the science department at the end of June. Factors considered will be performance in the fourth marking period, performance on final exams and academic maturity.

For those students that have met the criteria, the recommendation is contingent upon 4<sup>th</sup> marking period and final exam performance.

## Advanced Placement Science Criteria

Course pre-requisites: Successful completion of Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry/Trigonometry, and completion or concurrent enrollment in Pre-Calculus.

Students must acquire a minimum of 24 points from the following categories in order to qualify for AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, or AP Physics 1.

Final/Regents exams: Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry/Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus.

95 and over      3 points

90-94            2 points

85-89            1 point

Course Grades: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry/Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus (In cases where course grades are not available, semester grades will be used)

	<u>Honors</u>	<u>Regents</u>
A+	5 points	4 points
A	4 points	3 points
A-	3 points	2 points
B+	2 points	1 point

Incoming seniors who have completed Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry & Physics = 5 points  
Science Department Recommendation = 6 points. Factors considered will include: student work ethic, laboratory skills, academic integrity, and motivation