

Fox Lane Science & Technology Department
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

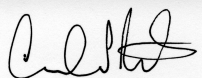
You are receiving this letter because your student is currently enrolled in Regents Living Environment at Fox Lane High School. Starting in the second quarter, the Science Department will be offering an honors component to the Living Environment course. This component will consist of one period each week, and is designed to challenge students to explore biology in deeper and more complex ways. These class sessions will include lecture-style instruction, laboratory, and other hands-on learning experiences, and will come with commensurate homework, including written laboratory reports. The precise day of the week is yet to be determined, but the class will run from 2:30-3:10 pm.

The program will also prepare students to take the SAT Subject Test in Biology on Saturday, June 7, and it is anticipated that all participants will do so. Registration for this test will be discussed during the first class session, and registration materials will be provided at that time. It is important to register early to secure a testing seat at Fox Lane High School, as space is limited. An informational meeting will take place during the week of November 5. Specific program details follow.

Students interested in participating in the program must read the course description and details below, and provide a signature to indicate that they understand the program guidelines. Students must also obtain the signature of their parent/guardian and guidance counselor before they will be considered.

Please review the following, and address any questions to Drew Patrick, Science and Technology Department Coordinator (914-241-6043; apatrick1258@bcsdny.org).

Sincerely,



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Honors Biology Program

Enrollment and Grading:

The Honors Biology program will be open to all students enrolled in a core Living Environment Class as long as they maintain a minimum quarter grade of 90% or better for Honors Biology. Initial selection will require a first quarter average of 90% or better and recommendation by the Living Environment teacher. The Honors Biology grade will be an average of the quarter grade earned in the core Living Environment class (weighted at 80%) and the quarter grade earned in the after school honors program (weighted at 20%).

Students who successfully complete the Honors Biology program will receive an honors designation on their transcript.

Students who do not maintain a 90 or better for Honors Biology will be automatically removed from the program and their quarter grade will be based solely on their core Living Environment grade. Past quarters will not be affected.

Students have the choice to remove themselves from the honors biology program by indicating, in writing, to the core Living Environment Teacher and the teacher of the Honors Biology program by the last school day of the quarter. The quarter grade will then be based solely on work completed in the core Living Environment class. Past quarter grades will not be affected.

Attendance:

The honors biology program will consist of thirty, forty minute, after school sessions spread through out the school year. Attendance is mandatory. In order to receive the honors designation a student must be in attendance ninety percent of the time; therefore a student can miss a maximum of three sessions. Students are expected to be on time, and remain for the entire time, for all sessions.

Since Honors Biology students are required to attend an additional biology section after school, they will have the option to forego one period of the core Living Environment class per week, with the approval of the primary teacher (based on what is taking place in class). Students should use this time to complete work for the Honors portion of the course. However, students cannot use the “opt out” privilege if they already missed a class that week. At each session, the Honors Biology teacher will give all students an “opt out” pass with the students name and date to be used that week.

By signing below, you are agreeing to the program conditions.

STUDENT (print): _____

Student

Parent/Guardian

Guidance Counselor

Date

Date

Date