

# Welcome to Honors Biology!

## About Mrs. Mora

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# Materials

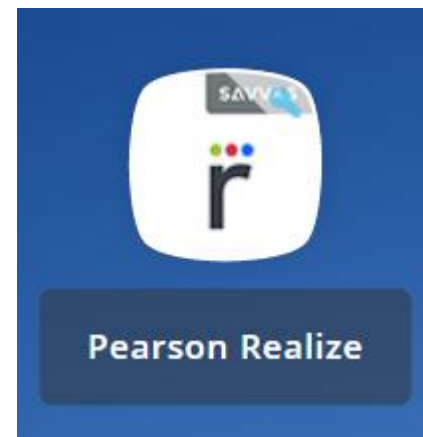
- ▶ Only **required** material = have your own pair of headphones that will work with a Chromebook (a standard 3.5mm headphone plug or those with Bluetooth capabilities).
- ▶ I **recommend** that you purchase a three-ring binder (1/2 inch) that will be designated just for this class.
  - Place 6 dividers and paper inside.
  - It is a good idea to buy two: use one for first semester and one for second semester.
- ▶ Donations of Kleenex, paper towels and Clorox/Lysol wipes are always welcome!!

# Text Book

- ▶ If you prefer a hard copy of the textbook to use at home, be sure to let the book lady know when she is giving you all of your books.



- ▶ If you prefer to always use the eText, you can access it on your Classlink homepage through the “Pearson Realize” icon.



# Grading Policy

Quarter grades will be based on the points earned in the following categories:

- 55% tests (can't use notes)
- 25% quizzes and knowledge checks (can use notes)
- 20% homework and class work

Semester grades follow the county policy of 35% for quarter one, 35% for quarter two, and 30% for the EOC.

For GPA Points, honors classes are weighted 0.5 more than regular classes

# Biology EOC

- ▶ The Biology EOC is a computer-based assessment that is given to every biology student in the state of Florida.
- ▶ The student must “pass” the EOC to graduate with **scholars designation** on their diploma.
- ▶ The EOC is given in May and will count for 30% of your final course grade (both semester 1 & 2 exam grades).
- ▶ This means your semester grades won’t be determined until after you receive your EOC score in June/July.



Canvas K-12

# Stay Informed!

- ▶ Weekly outlines are posted over the weekend on Canvas and on my teacher staff page.
- ▶ These outlines will tell you everything we'll do in class the upcoming week.
- ▶ Be sure to check it on a regular basis, **ESPECIALLY IF ABSENT.**
- ▶ Both parents and students are encouraged to use Remind. You should automatically be enrolled in Honors Biology. But just in case, here's the join codes:

Period 3 - @a6ffde426a

Period 5 - @2dkae6eg8d

Period 6 - @8g6c76kkf8

Period 7 - @2e4cd837b2

# Science Fair

Science Fair is optional for honors biology students. If you want to compete, please let me know as there are always spots available for freshmen. Science Fair is a great opportunity to show off your love for science with the possibility of winning awards, money, certificates, and even scholarships.

Email me if you want more information.

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# Common questions from students:

## ▶ Is there a lot of homework?

For most assignments, you are given time in class to get started. How much you need to do at home depends on how well you know the content and how focused you are while working in class.

## ▶ Is the class hard?

Honors biology class averages are usually in the mid 80's. Most students find tests to be the most challenging. Possibly because this class is likely their first science class that involves analysis and application of content rather than rote memorization.

## ▶ Is the EOC hard?

The EOC is challenging and covers the whole year. However, data from the past five years shows that above 95% of honors biology students pass the EOC.

## ▶ Do we dissect animals?

Yes, dissection is after the EOC. We usually have both frogs and rats available for dissection. There is also a virtual option available.