

Dear Parent or Guardian,

My name is Mr. Curtis and I will be your child's Honors Biology II/AP Biology teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. I graduated from Auburn University in 1998 with a degree in Biomedical Sciences. I also hold a Master of Science Education from Kennesaw State University, and an Education Specialist degree in Secondary Science Education from The University of Alabama. This will be my twentieth year of teaching and my ninth year at East Paulding. Prior to coming to East Paulding, I also taught Honors Biology II/AP Biology at South Paulding High School. I am looking forward to this semester and working with you and your child. By our working together, we can ensure great student achievement. Please read the attached syllabus, as it outlines my expectations for the class.

The curriculum and instructional strategies for these courses are differentiated in content, pacing, process skills emphasis, and expectation of student outcomes from a typical 11th-12th grade Biology course. The rigor and content coverage are aligned with what would be covered in university-level Biology I/Biology II courses. Curriculum content and course sequencing has been designed for mastery and extension of national standards set by CollegeBoard[®]. These courses are appropriate for students who have high achievement and interest in Biology. The district has established criteria and guidelines to identify students who will be successful with the advanced curriculum offered in Advanced Placement Biology. Students are placed in this class according to specified indicators of demonstrated exceptional ability and motivation. Students must meet continuation criteria to remain in the class.

If you have any questions or concerns about the class, please contact me in writing via your child, by email (matthew.curtis@paulding.k12.ga.us), or by leaving a message for me at school (770-445-5100) and I will contact you as soon as I can.

Sincerely,

Matthew Curtis

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