

IB Higher Level Biology Summer Assignment (Double-Block “Senior” Class, ***Misencik Only***)

Field Experience Assignment

Welcome to the International Baccalaureate Higher Level “Double-Block” Biology Class! With this class the use of our time is of great importance, as we are completing two-years worth of material in just nine months; by the end of the 9 months we are required to have completed 60 hours of lab-based activities – which over the last two years we have had difficulty achieving. To give us a head start, I would like you to begin accumulating “laboratory hours” over the summer, which we’ll apply to your portfolios. What I’m look for is you to get involved in a field experience activity that allows you collect data; the range of activities is almost limitless – ranging from a one-day experience, such as participating in a stream monitoring activity, or lasting the entire summer, such as growing and maintaining a garden – look for an activity that is of interest to you, or you can incorporate into your normal activities (for example, if you are teaching swim lessons, you can record data on the daily improvement of your students!) The maximum number of hours you can apply to this is 10 (anything less than 10 will have to be made-up outside to class meeting time before March 1)

You are to collect data that we will begin processing (making use of it) on the first day of class and used throughout the first week of school as we will go through the laboratory write-up process – collect your information in a notebook (a “composition” type book if it is an extended collection project). Data collected should be as detailed as possible (including the number of hours spent on the collection of data).

If you are unable to complete the data collection, you will have to accumulate the 10 extra hours of laboratory experience outside of class meeting time throughout the year (completed before March 1).

Please email me as soon as you can, as I would like to compile an email list of students in order to inform you of opportunities and ideas as they arise.

Before you begin you field experience activity, please let me know what you will be doing. I will be monitoring my email almost daily throughout the summer.

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