

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the course options for ninth grade?

Students currently taking Earth Science can either take Living Environment or Honors Biology with Research 1. Students taking Science 8 will take Earth Science in ninth grade.

What is the difference between Living

Environment/Biology and Biology Honors?

Living Environment is a course designed to give students a comprehensive overview of high school biology and prepares students for the Regents in Living Environment. Biology Honors is both an accelerated and advanced course. The pace is fast and the students are expected to learn material in much greater depth. In addition to taking the

Living Environment Regents, students are also prepared for the SAT II in Biology.

What is Research 1?

Students who take Honors Biology must also take Research 1. This course meets every other day, with the Honors Biology lab meeting the other days in the cycle. Research 1 is comprised of science, social science and technology research. Students are prepared to pursue different kinds of research and to use various tools for data collection and design.

If a student does not take honors will they be at a disadvantage for future course work?

Absolutely not! Students in Living Environment or Earth Science are still able to take Physics, as well as any of our AP courses.