

Biology

Why do we recommend biology as a ninth grade course?

We recommend biology in the 9th grade for several reasons.

1) Research has shown that algebra and biology complement each other on a cognitive level. Since most students take algebra their freshman year, they should also take biology their freshman year.

2) Taking biology at the same time as algebra will allow all of the prerequisites for later science courses to be met.

3) Science-oriented students should have at least one college-level science before they head to college. By taking biology in 9th, chemistry in 10th, and physics in 11th, that leaves their 12th grade year to take one of our advanced courses.

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