

# *OTHS KAP Biology FAQ's*

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## ***HOW ARE NOTES TAKEN?***

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## ***WHAT ARE ASSESSMENTS LIKE?***

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## ***HOW ARE RETESTS CONDUCTED?***

A SHORT RETEST IS AVAILABLE FOR EACH TEST THAT ALLOWS STUDENTS TO RETEST UP TO A 70.

## ***WHAT ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN KAP AND ACADEMIC BIOLOGY?***

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## ***THOUGHTS FROM FORMER STUDENTS:***

"BE PREPARED TO SPEND TIME OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL TAKING NOTES AND STUDYING TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN A KAP CLASS."

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