

# Appendix B:

## AP Biology Equations and Formulas

### Statistical Analysis and Probability

#### Standard Error

$$SE_{\bar{x}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

#### Mean

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

#### Standard Deviation

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n - 1}}$$

#### Chi-Square

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(o - e)^2}{e}$$

#### Chi-Square Table

	Degrees of Freedom							
p	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0.05	3.84	5.99	7.82	9.49	11.07	12.59	14.07	15.51
0.01	6.64	9.32	11.34	13.28	15.09	16.81	18.48	20.09

#### Laws of Probability

If A and B are mutually exclusive, then  $P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B)$

If A and B are independent, then  $P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A) \times P(B)$

#### Hardy-Weinberg Equations

$$p^2 + 2pq + q^2 = 1$$

$p$  = frequency of the dominant allele in a population

$$p + q = 1$$

$q$  = frequency of the recessive allele in a population

$s$  = sample standard deviation (i.e., the sample based estimate of the standard deviation of the population)

$\bar{x}$  = mean

$n$  = size of the sample

$o$  = observed individuals with observed genotype

$e$  = expected individuals with observed genotype

Degrees of freedom equals the number of distinct possible outcomes minus one.

### Metric Prefixes

Factor	Prefix	Symbol
$10^9$	giga	G
$10^6$	mega	M
$10^3$	kilo	k
$10^{-2}$	centi	c
$10^{-3}$	milli	m
$10^{-6}$	micro	$\mu$
$10^{-9}$	nano	n
$10^{-12}$	pico	p

Mode = value that occurs most frequently in a [data set](#)

Median = middle value that separates the greater and lesser halves of a data set

Mean = sum of all data points divided by number of data points

Range = value obtained by subtracting the smallest observation ([sample minimum](#)) from the greatest ([sample maximum](#))

<p align="center"><b>Rate and Growth</b></p> <p><u>Rate</u>  <math>\frac{dY}{dt}</math></p> <p><u>Population Growth</u>  <math>\frac{dN}{dt} = B - D</math></p> <p><u>Exponential Growth</u>  <math>\frac{dN}{dt} = r_{max} N</math></p> <p><u>Logistic Growth</u>  <math>\frac{dN}{dt} = r_{max} N \left( \frac{K - N}{K} \right)</math></p>	<p><math>dY</math> = amount of change</p> <p><math>t</math> = time</p> <p><math>B</math> = birth rate</p> <p><math>D</math> = death rate</p> <p><math>N</math> = population size</p> <p><math>K</math> = carrying capacity</p> <p><math>r_{max}</math> = maximum per capita growth rate of population</p>	<p><b>Water Potential (<math>\Psi</math>)</b></p> <p><math>\Psi = \Psi_p + \Psi_s</math></p> <p><math>\Psi_p</math> = pressure potential</p> <p><math>\Psi_s</math> = solute potential</p> <p>The water potential will be equal to the solute potential of a solution in an open container, since the pressure potential of the solution in an open container is zero.</p>
<p><u>Temperature Coefficient <math>Q_{10}</math></u></p> $Q_{10} = \left( \frac{k_2}{k_1} \right)^{\frac{10}{t_2 - t_1}}$ <p><u>Primary Productivity Calculation</u></p> <p>mg <math>O_2</math>/L x 0.698 = mL <math>O_2</math>/L</p> <p>mL <math>O_2</math>/L x 0.536 = mg carbon fixed/L</p>	<p><math>t_2</math> = higher temperature</p> <p><math>t_1</math> = lower temperature</p> <p><math>k_2</math> = metabolic rate at <math>t_2</math></p> <p><math>k_1</math> = metabolic rate at <math>t_1</math></p> <p><math>Q_{10}</math> = the <i>factor</i> by which the reaction rate increases when the temperature is raised by ten degrees</p>	<p><b>The Solute Potential of the Solution</b></p> <p><math>\Psi_s = -iCRT</math></p> <p><math>i</math> = ionization constant (For sucrose this is 1.0 because sucrose does not ionize in water)</p> <p><math>C</math> = molar concentration</p> <p><math>R</math> = pressure constant (<math>R = 0.0831</math> liter bars/mole K)</p> <p><math>T</math> = temperature in Kelvin (<math>273 + ^\circ C</math>)</p>
<p align="center"><b>Surface Area and Volume</b></p> <p><u>Volume of Sphere</u>  <math>V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3</math></p> <p><u>Volume of a cube (or square column)</u>  <math>V = l \times w \times h</math></p> <p><u>Volume of a column</u>  <math>V = \pi r^2 h</math></p> <p><u>Surface area of a sphere</u>  <math>A = 4 \pi r^2</math></p> <p><u>Surface area of a cube</u>  <math>A = 6 a</math></p> <p><u>Surface area of a rectangular solid</u>  <math>A = \Sigma</math> (surface area of each side)</p>	<p><math>r</math> = radius</p> <p><math>l</math> = length</p> <p><math>h</math> = height</p> <p><math>w</math> = width</p> <p><math>A</math> = surface area</p> <p><math>V</math> = volume</p> <p><math>\Sigma</math> = Sum of all</p> <p><math>a</math> = surface area of one side of the cube</p>	<p><b>Dilution - used to create a dilute solution from a concentrated stock solution</b></p> <p><math>C_i V_i = C_f V_f</math></p> <p><math>i</math> = initial (starting)      <math>C</math> = concentration of solute  <math>f</math> = final (desired)      <math>V</math> = volume of solution</p> <p><b>Gibbs Free Energy</b></p> <p><math>\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S</math></p> <p><math>\Delta G</math> = change in Gibbs free energy</p> <p><math>\Delta S</math> = change in entropy</p> <p><math>\Delta H</math> = change in enthalpy</p> <p><math>T</math> = absolute temperature (in Kelvin)</p> <p><b>pH = <math>-\log [H^+]</math></b></p>

