

ST. JOSEPH

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Unit Duration	Course	AP Psychology	Unit Name	Biological Bases of Behavior
11-12 Class Periods	Unit Description	The structures of human biological systems and their functions influence our behavior and mental processes. Some psychologists study behaviors and mental processes from a biological perspective. This includes an examination of the influence that the interaction between human biology and our environment has on behavior and mental processes. This is a recurring topic throughout the course that will be used to explain many psychological phenomena. The biological perspective also provides insight into the causes of and treatments for psychological disorders. There is a complex interaction between a person's biology and their behavior and mental processes. Heredity and environment play a role, as do variations in a person's consciousness.	Unit Topic(s)	Topic I: Biological Psychology Topic II: Nervous and Endocrine System Topic III: The Brain Topic IV: Heredity and Environment Topic V: Sleep and Dreaming
	Enduring Understanding/ Big Ideas		Unit Essential Question(s)	To what extent do biological systems determine human behavior?
Priority Standards		See Individual Topic Pages		
Unit Assessment(s)			Unit Learning Experiences	Application Project: – Nature vs. <i>Nurture Project</i>