



**SOMERSET BERKLEY
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**
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June 1, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that the Somerset Berkley Regional High School Science Department is continuing our mandatory summertime learning initiative through a graded summer assignment. The purpose of this assignment is to help your student retain the information they have learned and realize what skills and content knowledge is needed to help foster critical thinking and reasoning skills in their next science course. This assignment will be completed via an electronic learning platform (Schoology.com) and will include readings, tutorials, and a final assessment.

The classes that students are required to participate in this graded initiative include all Freshman Introductory Physics, all Biology, and all Chemistry Students. Please be advised that if your student is taking more than one of the mentioned science classes, they are required to complete a graded summer assignment for each scheduled class. This is an excellent opportunity for your student to take advantage of a self-paced learning opportunity prior to the resuming of classes in September. The results of the assignment will be shared with their specific Science Teacher, and they will receive a **quiz grade** for the assessment during their first term marking period.

Each class is being provided with a set of instructions of how to sign up, login and complete the assignment. **It is imperative that students review the resources before attempting the assessment. Students must complete the test once it has been started.** If you experience **technical difficulties**, there is a **built-in second attempt** within the program. Results of that first attempt will be lost, necessitating the second attempt. **A second attempt is ONLY required in the case of technical difficulties.** Students should ensure that they are in a location with a strong internet connection before beginning the assessment. The period that the assignment will be available will be June 1st until August 31st and can be reached by accessing our department's website – <http://sbrhsscience.weebly.com>.

In order to help us gather results and assess prior knowledge, the test must be completed by **August 31st, 2018 at 11:59 P.M.** Should you have any questions, comments or concerns feel free to contact myself or one of the following teachers:

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Chemistry: Ms. Sheehan sheehanc@sbrregional.org

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Sincerely,

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