

Advanced Placement Environmental Science

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**Purpose:** The goal of the AP Environmental Science course is the same as that described in the Course Description for AP Environmental Science: “to provide students with the scientific principles, concepts, and methodologies required to understand the interrelationships of the natural world, to identify and analyze environmental problems both natural and human-made, to evaluate the relative risks associated with these problems, and to examine alternative solutions for resolving and/or preventing them.”

**Materials:** Each student will be expected to maintain a notebook for labs and classwork. Necessary supplies include a three ring binder with loose leaf paper, colored pencils, and a composition notebook for labs. The students are expected to bring all supplies and their textbook to every class.

**Textbook:** Living in the Environment 17<sup>th</sup> Ed. by Miller and Spoolman

**Grading Scale:** A=100-92, B=91-83, C=82-74, D=73-65, F=64 and below. The grading scale is based on a point system. Each assignment will be worth a specific number of points and the final grade will result from the percentage of total points that were earned. The grading percentages are as follows:

	Percentages
Quizzes	25%
Tests	30%
Classwork/Homework	15%
Labs	30%

**Classwork/Homework:** All homework is due at the beginning of the next class meeting unless otherwise specified. All classwork will be due at the end of the class period in which it was assigned. Early dismissals and other school cancellations (ex. Snow Day) do not excuse a project or assignment due date. You will be expected to hand in your work at the next class. All work must be handed in on time. **Late work will not be accepted!** In addition, computer glitches are not an acceptable excuse for late work, EVER!

**Laboratories:** Labs will be announced well in advance, so make sure that you are present. There are no make-ups for labs. If you miss a lab, there will be a five page research paper that must be typed, double spaced, font 12, Times New Roman, on the specific lab topic. You must also include a reference page with a minimum of three verifiable sources. **Information should not be copied directly from any source unless it is properly quoted.** Plagiarism will result in a zero for the lab as well as failure to complete the paper in place of the lab.

**Exams and Quizzes:** There will be a minimum of one quiz a week based on the classwork and homework from that week. **Always be prepared. You will not be reminded about quizzes because they will be a part of the class objective for the day.** Exams will always be announced in advance. If you are absent the day from before the test, **YOU WILL STILL TAKE THE TEST ON THE ASSIGNED DAY.**

**Absences:** If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get your make-up work. There is a five-day limit on make-up work, from the day you return to class. If you are absent on the day the assignment is due, then it is due on the day you return to class. If it is not turned in upon return to class, it will be considered late and will not be accepted.

### **Classroom Procedures and Expectations**

1. A tardy is defined as any student not in their seat when the bell rings.
2. I will treat you and your property with as much respect as you treat the schools' property and me. If there is a problem with the way another student is treating you, let me know BEFORE you get yourself in trouble.
3. Always come to class prepared. You should always have a pencil or pen, paper and your textbook. You will not be allowed to go back to your locker for supplies, so DON'T ASK!
4. Absolutely no food or drink in the classroom. You will throw away food or drink in the garbage if I catch you with it. This is a safety guideline as much as it is a rule.
5. There is a three-pass-per quarter maximum. Once you've used your three, you will not leave the room.
6. There are not bathroom passes during labs, quizzes or tests.
7. ANY violation of a safety rule during labs will result in removal from the classroom and you will receive a zero for the lab.
8. Refer to the Student Code of Conduct if you have any questions or concerns.

Any rule that is broken will be dealt with discreetly and on an individual basis. Consequences for your actions are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> offense: warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: parent or guardian will receive a phone call, 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: a referral. However, some actions and violations of the Student Code of Conduct may require a harsher consequence than the steps listed above. These actions will be dealt with accordingly and the parent or guardian will be contacted as soon as possible.

## **General Information**

- I will stay after school one day a week for tutoring. The day will be determined later.
- In case of fire drill, you are expected to remain with me. Any student who does not respond to roll call during the drill will receive a zero for the day's assignment.
- I do not supply school supplies, so bring your own paper, pencil/pen, and other supplies as needed. You are required to bring your textbook to every class, unless I tell you otherwise.

These rules and procedures are designed to provide for the safety and comfort of each student in the classroom. If there are any questions or concerns, please bring them to my attention before a problem arises. Any make-up assignments or tutorial sessions will be handled on an individual basis, as needed by the students. If you need my help please feel free to contact me. All you need to do is let me know.

This sheet will serve as a contract between the student, parent, and teacher. If there are any questions or concerns please contact me by email or at the number listed on the front of this sheet.

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## **Classroom Procedures and Expectations Contract**

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**Print Student Name**

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**Student Signature and Date**

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**Parent Signature and Date**