

Advanced Placement Environmental Science (APES)

Overview:

This course is a study of earth's environment with an emphasis on the role and effects of humans on that environment. Major topics include: basic scientific principles, human populations, pollution, biodiversity, conservation, and the environment and society. This is an Advanced Placement (AP) course and is taught at the collegiate level. All students enrolled in the course are expected to attempt the AP exam in May. A passing score on this exam entitles students to receive college credit for this course at most universities.

Grading:

90%-100% = A
80% - 89 = B
70% - 79% = C
60% - 69% = D
Below 59 = F

*Student grades are calculated as a percentage of the total points earned during a grading period. Points are assigned as follows (approximate):

AP Test Prep. = 5%
Chapter Tests = 60%
Final (First Semester) = 10%
Chapter Packets = 10%
Labs/activities = 15%
AP Exam (second semester final) - score of 4 or 5 adds 10% to students final grade (Semester 2 only)

Academic Dishonesty - includes any action by a student to knowingly falsify, fraud or wrongly elevate ones own or another's grade. Student(s) will receive a score of zero for assignments in such instances.

Responsibility:

It is the responsibility of the student to monitor their grade and to take appropriate action to ensure his/her success in this class. All district policies and rules will be enforced, as well as, maintenance of an overall expectation of mutual respect in the classroom.
Students are financially responsible for damage caused to any school property.

Assignment Formats:

All work is expected to be turned-in with a neat, professional appearance.
All work is expected to display a collegiate level of effort.
All assignment write-ups are to be done individually, unless otherwise stated by the teacher.

Classroom Procedures:

1. **No** food, gum or drinks allowed in class.
2. **No** headphones/cell phones.
3. **No** skateboards allowed in class.
4. **No** hats/hoods allowed in class.
5. **No** “late-work” is accepted. “No-name” papers go in the trash. All work for a chapter is due on the day of the test (unless otherwise stated by the teacher).
6. Make-up tests are given the day after the original test date or when a student returns.
7. Be on time and prepared for class.
8. Respect school property.
9. Be an active learner.

***Consequences:** Failure to comply with these classroom guidelines will result in a classroom suspension or removal from the class.