

AP Environmental Science Contract

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Please read carefully, sign the following contract, AND have your parent/guardian sign their portion.

An Advanced Placement course is not a course that just explores the regular high school curriculum faster or in greater depth. Rather, an AP course is a college level course for that particular subject matter. Therefore, the workload, depth of thought, and standards of grading in an AP course are more demanding than those of classes in the regular high school curriculum. That being said, the AP Environmental Science (AP-ES) course is designed to be fun, interesting, fast-paced, and exciting in both its breadth and depth of topics covered. You will learn more than you ever have before!

Being a member of any AP class entails special responsibilities and you must understand that the course is a serious commitment. For example, in addition to the course outline, students will be expected to complete summer reading assignments, read professional research articles or recent books about science, and participate in group/individual projects. You are also expected to spend more time in preparation and reading than in most courses (approximately 2 hours on average each night). You might be required to attend laboratories before or after school on occasion and attend after school review sessions in the spring. Other activities that are highly recommended and can result in improved performance in class and on the AP Exam are participation in extracurricular activities such as Earth Day activities, the Google Science Fair, and tutoring Biology, Physical Science, or Chemistry students.

The Advanced Placement (AP) program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges and universities. This program gives high school students exposure to college-level material through involvement in an AP course, and then gives them an opportunity to show what they have learned by taking an AP Exam. Colleges and universities often grant credit, placement, or both, to these students. The content and curricular goals of each AP discipline are outlined in an AP Course Description supplied by the College Board (apcentral.collegeboard.com). The AP program prepares students for the future by giving them the tools that will serve them well throughout their college career.

General Course Expectations:

- Successful completion of each AP course requires approximately 10-20 hours of individual preparation, study time, and additional reading per week outside of class.
- Students are required to take the AP exams for all AP courses in which they are enrolled during the school year. The exams are given over a two-week period in May. The exam is required to potentially earn college credit and is the culminating justification for the student's efforts throughout the course.
- Late work will not be tolerated for major assignments or projects. Further clarification of the late-work policy will be given in the course syllabus and Humphreys High School Student Handbook.
- The policy for makeup work after an excused absence is outlined in the Student Handbook. Students are expected to make up missed work in a timely fashion so as to not fall behind in understanding the material.

Academic Honor Code:

Individual student integrity is a standard of excellence for Advanced Placement students.

All students are expected to do their own work and to attribute credit to all other sources of information. Any occurrences of plagiarism will result in a grade of zero for that particular assignment.

Student Agreement

I am familiar with the expectations of this AP Environmental Science course, have read the AP Environmental Science Course Description (available online), and accept its academic challenges. I agree to organize my time and efforts to successfully fully complete the course and take the AP Environmental Science Exam at its conclusion. Due to the increased rigor of this course, I will notify the teacher, request help, and attend tutorials if I fall behind in class assignments or my understanding of course content. I understand that my success in this AP course is my responsibility.

Student Name

Date

Student Signature

Parent Agreement

I have read the AP Environmental Science Course Syllabus and Contract, am familiar with its requirements, and agree to support and encourage my son/daughter in his/her endeavors to fully complete the course and his/her commitment to take the AP Environmental Science Exam at its conclusion. I will notify the teacher immediately of any concerns I have relating to the AP Environmental Science class or my child's progress.

Parent Name

Date

Parent Signature

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