



AP Environmental Science Course Syllabus



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Course: AP Environmental Science

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Teacher's Educational Background:

- Ankeny High School
- Psychology – University of Iowa
- Biology – Iowa State University
- Masters in the Art of Teaching – Science – Iowa State University

Teacher Office Hours:

- Block 3 Green; Block 1 Gold
- 7:25am – 7:40 am; 2:35pm – 3:10pm

Communication Policy:

It is the policy of Hoover High School to return parent communication within 24 hours during the work week, post grades in Infinite Campus Every Thursday by 3:00, communicate with parents when grades fall into the D or F range, and post major assignments in Infinite Campus when assigned. To facilitate this, it is the expectation of Hoover High School that families will maintain current contact information (phone, address, e-mail). To update contact information, please call 242-7302. Parents can learn how to access the Infinite Campus Parent Portal in the parent handbook distributed at Registration and available on the Hoover website.

Course Description:

AP Environmental Science is a one-year high school course, equivalent to a one-semester college course stressing scientific principles and analysis. The goal of the course is to provide students with scientific principles, concepts and methodologies to understand the interrelationship of the natural world; to identify and analyze natural and man-made environmental problems; to evaluate the relative risk associated with these problems; and to examine alternative solutions for resolving and preventing them. There are strong lab and field investigations, allowing students to learn about the environment through firsthand observation. Field experiences may be arranged outside of school hours. Completion of the AP exam is an expectation for all AP courses.

Re-taking Assessments (Providing Multiple Opportunities to Demonstrate Proficiency):

When retaking an assessment is needed, a student must set up a short meeting with Mrs. Leverich to discuss the reason for the retake and what steps are warranted before a retake may be done. Students may be asked to do additional practice before a retake is given.

Extra Credit:

To ensure that grades reflect progress toward and achievement of the standards, giving extra credit points **will not occur** in this class.

Monitoring Student Progress:

Students and parents are expected to be proactive in monitoring personal progress in this class. This includes regularly checking Infinite Campus and contacting the instructor if there are concerns.