

# AP Environmental Science Course Requirements

**EXPECTATIONS**-APES is not a difficult course if you have an inquisitive mind and good work ethic. More importantly, the study of living things and the environment should be fun. This is a college course, and you will be held to high expectations and mature responsibilities just like a college freshman taking Intro Environmental Science.

**TEAM WORK**-We view this course as a team effort. While each person needs to complete and hand in their own work, study groups and cooperative effort are strongly encouraged. You never learn something as well as when you have to explain it to someone.

**ATTENDANCE**-Students are expected to be on time to class every day. If you are illegally absent, you will get no credit for the activities of that day. Students must make up exams missed the DAY YOU RETURN and must make up labs during extra help sessions after school.

## **MATERIALS-**

- 3-ring binder ( 1 inch) for notes, handouts, labs, review materials and vocabulary
- Scientific calculator
- Dividers
- Pens and pencils (colored pencils are recommended)
- Textbook-Environmental Science. You may leave the text at home

**WEB SITE**-Our class website will have all of the assignments we did in class as well as homework and additional resources to help understand some of the difficult topics we will cover in class.

<http://stecklescience.weebly.com/apes.html>

**NOTEBOOK**-Keep a 3-ring binder EXCLUSIVELY FOR APES. You will keep your guided notes, homework, lecture materials, quizzes, labs and practice questions in one organized location. This notebook will be graded for neatness and completeness.

**LABS**-APES has recommended lab activities. We will complete these and additional labs through College Board labs, supplemental labs, computer simulations and field trips. Lab reports must be completed according to the standard format unless otherwise noted. Lab reports may be due the day they are done or the day after they are completed, if they need to be finished at home. Late labs will lose credit each day they are late. If you are legally absent, the lab can be made up after school.

**HOMEWORK**- Video based assignments, vocabulary, worksheets and multiple choice practice questions are very important. Be sure to stay up to date on all assignments. Some homework assignments may be collected and graded. All graded homework assignments will be handed back so you can use them as a study guide for upcoming tests.

**QUIZZES**-We will have two types of quizzes. One type is an essay style quiz based on what we did in class. These may or may not be announced. This quiz will never be on a Monday. A few times a quarter you will be given a vocabulary quiz. These will be announced and can be used as a study guide for the upcoming test.

EXAMS-These will be composed of AP exam questions, including multiple choice questions, short response questions and graphs.

GRADING-Grades for the **first three quarters** will be computed on a percentage basis. A curve can be earned at the end of the semester and will be based on how much you do.

EXAMS-60%

QUIZZES-10%

LABS-15%

HOMEWORK/ CLASSWORK-10%

NOTEBOOK-5%

CURVE-Our tests are not curved but each quarter can be. Each quarter will have up to a 5-point curve. This will be based on how much you do. I will have a list of how to earn the maximum number of points.

The fourth quarter is unique because the AP Test is in early May. This quarter will be graded heavily on review materials and practice tests.

EXTRA HELP-Extra help will be Monday morning, as well as Wednesday's and Thursday's after school. I will stay as long as you have good questions and concerns.

After reading this you may be rethinking your decision to take APES. Trust me when I tell you that this class is a lot of fun and very manageable. If you do not wait until the last minute, you will have plenty of time to complete all of the assignments I have given you. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail me at [psteckle@bellmore-merrick.k12.ny.us](mailto:psteckle@bellmore-merrick.k12.ny.us)

Please sign up for our REMIND 101 class section and Google Classroom. Your parents or guardians are welcome to join in as well. Please let them know that they will receive a lot of information from me. They will know exactly what is going on in class. Communication is the key to success.

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