

AP Environmental Science Summer Work 2026

I'm looking forward to having you in class next year! Throughout our time together we will be covering 9 different Units from revisiting earth science to looking at pollutants in our air, water, and land and addressing how we can make a global change. We have a lot to cover but our days will be filled with hands-on activities and numerous field trips out of the classroom. In order to be prepared and successful for this class I ask that you complete the following tasks:

1. Complete just the last unit 'Global Change' of AP Environmental Science in Kahn Academy. [Link to Join](#) This reviews the negative effect of humans on the environment and will be both our jumping off point and culminating units. You do not need to earn a certain grade I just want you to have a background understanding.
2. Review and complete the [Student Lab Safety Contract](#). We will be taking water quality samples during our first weeks of school, so please bring this completed lab safety contract with you to class on the first day of AP Environmental Science.
3. Complete the [Plagiarism Tutorial](#) and test through Indiana University. In any college-level course, academic dishonesty is taken very seriously. Many cases of academic dishonesty are due to inadvertent or unintentional plagiarism. Learn more about inadvertent plagiarism in this tutorial and take the test. Once you have completed the tutorial and test (with a 9/10 score), you will receive a certificate. Please bring this certificate with you the first week of school! If you can't get a 9/10 on the test, that's okay, screenshot your score of at least a 7/10 and print this out to bring the first week of school.
4. Please pick at least ONE of the following books to read. We will do an [assignment](#) on your choice when we start class:
 - a. ***Two Degrees*** by Alan Gratz ISBN-13: 9781338735673
Description: A gripping novel that tackles the urgent issue of climate change through the intertwined stories of young protagonists facing environmental disasters.
 - b. ***World Without Fish*** by Mark Kurlansky ISBN-13: 9780761185000
Description: An informative book that explains the current state of the world's oceans and the importance of sustainable fishing practices.
 - c. ***The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals*** by Michael Pollan ISBN-13: 9780143038580
Description: An exploration of the food choices we face and the implications of those choices on our health and the environment.
 - d. ***Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*** by Robin Wall Kimmerer ISBN-13: 9781571313560
Description: A collection of essays that blend Indigenous traditions and scientific knowledge, emphasizing the importance of ecological awareness and reciprocity.

Have a great summer, get outside and take a moment to actually look at our environment and its delicate balance!

See you in August!

Ms. Harris