

CFISD Advanced Placement Environmental Science Course Scope and Sequence (2026–2027)

Course Description

AP Environmental Science will provide students with the scientific principles, concepts, and methodologies required to understand the interrelationships of the natural world, to identify and analyze environmental problems both natural and human-made, to evaluate the relative risks associated with these problems, and to examine alternative solutions for resolving and/or preventing them.

Students who take the course will be prepared for the AP Environmental Science exam.

College Board Advanced Placement Standards:

[APEnvironmentalScience](#)

First Semester (79 Days)

1st Grading Period (Aug. 12 – Oct. 8, 2026)

Unit	Title	Date Range	Days**
Unit 0	What is Environmental Science?	Aug 12 - Aug 21	7
Unit 1	The Living World: Ecosystems	Aug. 24 - Sept 11, 2026	14
Unit 2	The Living World: Biodiversity	Sept 14 - Oct 1, 2026	14
Unit 3	Populations	Oct 2 - Oct. 8, 2026	5

2nd Grading Period (Oct. 19 – Dec. 18, 2026)

Unit	Title	Date Range	Days**
Unit 3	Populations continued	Oct 19 - Nov 6, 2026	14
Unit 4	Earth Systems and Resources	Nov 9 - Dec 4, 2026	15
Unit 5	Land and Water Use	Dec 7 - Dec 11, 2026	5
	Review & Final Exams	Dec. 14 - Dec. 18, 2026	5

Second Semester (92 Days)

3rd Grading Period (Jan. 5 – Mar. 11, 2027)

Unit	Title	Date Range	Days**
Unit 5	Land and Water Use continued	Jan 5 - Jan 21, 2027	12

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Unit 6	Energy Resources and Consumption	Jan 22 - Feb 8, 2027	12
Unit 7	Atmospheric Pollution	Feb 9 - Mar 2, 2027	15
Unit 8	Aquatic and Terrestrial Pollution	Mar 3 - Mar 11, 2027	7

4th Grading Period (Mar. 22 – May 27, 2027)

Unit	Title	Date Range	Days**
Unit 8	Aquatic and Terrestrial Pollution (Continued)	Mar 22 - April 2, 2027	9
Unit 9	Global Change	April 5 - April 23, 2027	15
Unit 10	AP Test Review and Test	April 27 - May 14, 2027	14
	Review and Finals	May 17 - May 27, 2027	9

**The length of each unit is a specific number of days, but it is understood that there is a range of +/- a day. The purpose of the flexibility is meant to allow teachers the opportunity to plan for the needs of their students and to accommodate re-teaching or review when necessary. If pre-assessment indicates student mastery could be obtained in a fewer number of days, the additional time could be used for extension or carried into the next unit.

Instructional Material(s):

BFW publication, "Environmental Science for the AP® Course. 4th ed."