

AP Environmental Science

2026 - 2027

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Course Description:

Environmental Science is the interdisciplinary study of humans and how they interact with the world around them. The goal of this course is to provide students with the scientific principles, concepts, and methodologies to understand the interrelationships of the natural world, to identify and analyze environmental problems both natural and human-made, and to evaluate the risks associated with these problems and examine alternative solutions for resolving and/or preventing them.

Course Units:

Semester 1

- 0 - Introduction to Environmental Science
- 1 - Ecosystems
- 2 - Biodiversity
- 3 - Populations
- 4 - Earth Systems and Resources
- 5 - Land and Water Use

Semester 2

- 6 - Energy Resources and Consumption
- 7 - Atmospheric Pollution
- 8 - Aquatic and Terrestrial Pollution
- 9 - Global Climate Change

AP Exam:

It is an expectation that all students take the AP Exam. Financial assistance is available.

Test Date - Thursday, May 13, 2027 - 12:00PM

Course Logistics and Communications:

- Lesson plans, due dates, and course materials will all be available on Schoology. If an assignment is completed on paper, there will be turn in trays in the classroom for you to use on its due date.
- Emails will only be answered during standard school hours. On Mondays - Fridays, I will be available from 7:50AM - 3:40PM. Emails received over the weekend and/or holidays will not be responded to until the work week resumes.
- Email is the preferred and easiest mode of communication when you need help or clarification.
 - Email: aoanes@west-fargo.k12.nd.us
- It is the expectation that you are checking your email and Schoology daily for all course updates.

Daily Materials:

- WFPS issued iPad (and charging accessories) and Logitech crayon
- APES Notebook / Daily Notebook
- Writing utensils
- College Board and +STEM login information

Grading:

Grades will be available through Infinite Campus. Please allow for at least 5 school days for assignments to be entered. Students are expected to stay up-to-date on their grades and missing assignments.

<u>Weighted Gradebook (Infinite Campus)</u> 30% - Daily Work / Formative Assessments 70% Tests / Summative Assessments	<u>Grading Scales</u> A = 90 - 100% B = 80 - 89% C = 70 - 79 % D = 60 - 69% F = 59% and under
<u>Semester Grade</u> Semester 1 - 50% Quarter 1 + 50% Quarter 2 Semester 2 - 50% Quarter 3 + 50% Quarter 4	

Attendance:

Students are expected to show up to class on-time.

- ***Excused Absences*** will be given the amount of days they are gone, plus 1 day (according to school policy) to complete and turn in the missed work.
- ***Unexcused Absences*** means students will not be able to make up any work or points given that class.
- ***Activities*** are required to be mentioned at least THREE days prior so all possible material can be given to the student. If materials are not prepared at the time, I will work with you on creating a personal plan.
- ***Medical Absences*** require a note to the office within two weeks of the medical appointment. The office will handle these.
- ***Unexcused Tardy*** will be assigned if you are not in the classroom and ready to learn when the bell rings. If you are more than 20 minutes late, the unexcused tardy will change to an unexcused absence.

NEW District Attendance Policy

No matter the student, the following attendance policy is now in place for each semester. The following absences do not include medical or activity (school excused) absences.

- Absences 1-10, if excused or ill, students will be able to make up work. See the Excused Absences above.
- Absences 11-12, if excused or ill, students will NOT have the ability to make up work from those days OR due on those days.
- Absence 13, if excused or ill, will cause a student to be removed from the class with a "Loss Credit" recorded on their transcript.

Late Work / Missing Work Policy:

- Late work will not be accepted past the due date.
- You will have 4 school days to make up a missing test or quiz in the Academic Support Center- if not made up in that time it will result in a 0.

Technology Policy:

- ***iPads*** - iPads will only be used on as needed basis. Check the board upon entering the room for iPad expectations that day. If work is completed early, the expectation is that you are reading or completing a brain break activity. iPad use will not be permitted unless approved by Ms. Oanes.
- ***Headphones / Ear Buds*** - Headphones / ear buds are not allowed during direct instruction, collaborative activities, or assessments.
- ***Cellphones / Smartwatches*** - per district policy and state law cellphones and smartwatches should not be seen or heard from 8:25AM - 3:35PM.

eHallpass Policy

- To go to the bathroom or get a drink of water from the fountain you can create an eHallpass and make Ms. Oanes aware of it when there is a break in class.
- Passes to the store will not be accepted. If you go to the store on a different pass you will no longer be allowed to make passes in my classroom.

Food and Drink Policy

- Food is allowed in the classroom with teacher permission (think “dry snacks” like granola bars, crackers, fruit etc.). You are NOT allowed to bring a full meal or popcorn in from the lunchroom, school store, or fast food. If you want a beverage or snack, you need to come to class on time and prepared with one. Passes will not be made to the school store to get a beverage or snack.
- All drinks must be in a container with a non-spill lid.
- ALWAYS clean up after yourself. Failure to meet these expectations may result in loss of food and drink privileges.

Cheating / Academic Integrity:

- Student work should be unique to the individual and nothing should be copied.
- When students work in groups, they should use their own words to answer questions.
- If a student is caught cheating, I will have a conversation with the student. District policy says students should receive a 0, some situations may warrant a 0.
- Depending on the situation, parents, case workers, and/or administrators will also be notified of the incident.
- The use of AI will be considered cheating and will have the same consequences as listed above.

Special Note:

- I expect everyone in our classroom (including me) to be open-minded, curious, and respectful to everyone in the space. We will have zero patience for racist, homophobic, xenophobic, able-ist, gendered, or otherwise exclusionary language in our classroom. Our classroom is a safe space, and basic human decency is expected. We can challenge and disagree with each other, but we will model respectful communication and dialogue.
- You have the right to be referred to by the name that you are most comfortable with. If the name on my roster is not the name you would like to be called, you are welcome to let me know in class or through e-mail at any time. If at any point, I am mispronouncing your name, I encourage you to correct me as soon as possible in class or through e-mail. Additionally, you have the right to be referred to with the pronouns you are most comfortable with. In order to have a safe and respectful class environment, you should refer to your classmates with the names and pronouns that your classmates are most comfortable with.