

Course: **AP Environmental Science (A.P.E.S.)**

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Prerequisites:

- **Required: Successful completion of Algebra 1**
- Recommended: Successful completion of at least one real lab science course, such as Biology and/or Chemistry

Brief Content Overview:

- AP Environmental Science provides students with the principles, concepts, and methodologies required to understand the natural world, identify and analyze environmental problems, evaluate the associated risks, and examine solutions.
- *This course will prepare you to do well on the AP Exam on Environmental Science in May.*

Summer Work:

Read Chapter 1 of text book: **Miller, G.T. and Spoolman, S. (2012). *Living in the Environment: Principles, Connections, and Solutions*, 17th ed. Belmont, CA: Brooks/Cole**, available at the SSHS Library. There will be a **quiz** on it.

Evaluation Methods:

Students will be evaluated using, but not limited to, the following:

- Teacher-constructed examinations and quizzes
- Homework and class work
- Independent projects
- Class participation
- Laboratory and field investigations and reports
- Standardized examinations

Other:

- Reconsider taking this course if you are not accustomed to doing a lot of homework for classes. (If you have already taken CP or AP Chemistry, then you're fine!!)
- Reconsider taking this course if you are already taking 4 or 5 other AP classes.
- You will use all of the skills you have learned throughout high school in this course, so be prepared.
- It's a fun course if you're a good worker.

Helpful tools / Aids to have:

- Go to class everyday and be on time.
- Participate.
- Do your homework and study for quizzes and tests.