

Environmental Science (AP)

Course Description

AP Environmental Science is designed to provide students with the scientific principles, concepts and methodologies required to understand the interrelationships of the natural world and to identify and analyze environmental problems both natural and human made. A detailed syllabus is attached. *Students will prepare for and be required to take the AP Environmental Exam.*

Grading

Quarterly grades will be based on:

- Tests 60 %
- Graded assignments 30 %
- Homework and class work 10 %

Assignment information

- Homework should be completed before the start of class on the assigned due date.
- Late homework for the current unit will receive half credit. Late credit will not be given for assignments from units that have been completed.
- If a student is absent from class, she/he is responsible for making up any assignments and tests within one week.
- Test and quiz dates, homework assignments, lab report requirements, and project information will be posted in the classroom and also on the internet.

Contact information

Email: nnaslas@melroseschools.com

School site: www.melroseschools.com

Extra Help

My formal after school help times are from 2:30 to 3:15 pm on Monday and Thursday. I am available before school by appointment.

Materials

Our textbook for this class is *Environmental Science: A global concern*, 12th Ed., by William P. Cunningham and Mary Ann Cunningham. This book may stay at home, in a safe place, until the end of the school year.

Please bring these items to class every day:

- 3-ring binder with tabs
- Pencil
- Pens (at least two different colors)
- Notebook or lined paper
- Calculator
- Colored pencils (optional)

Classroom Behavior

- **RESPECT:** Good classroom behavior is essential for learning. Each student must show respect for one another, the teacher, and the classroom and supplies/equipment. Please review the MHS Behavior Rules in your student handbook. If you break school equipment you will be expected to pay for it.
- **BE PREPARED:** Bring your daily supplies to class; you will not be allowed to go to your locker if you forgot something.
- **PARTICIPATE:** Come to class ready to learn, to share your opinions, and to ask questions.
- **NO cell phone use in class.** Other electronic devices, such as iPods, may only be used at certain times with permission.

Attendance

It is imperative for you to be here every day for class activities, demonstrations, discussions, etc. On the seventh unauthorized absence a letter grade of "F" will be issued for the quarter. Please be on time and in your seat when the bell rings.