

AP Environmental Science
Policies and Procedures 2023-2024

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TEXTBOOK (Online):

Freiland and Reylea, 4th edition. Reading will be assigned from the book on Mondays.

CLASS WEBSITE:

www.sites.google.com/pisd.edu/peshapes

ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

Electronic Devices are **NOT** to be out/used during class. During reading/lab quizzes and unit tests, phones will be **required** to be placed in a spot designated by the instructor. If a phone is found out or on your person at any point during an assessment, this will be considered cheating, and you will be given a zero.

GRADING POLICIES:

Minor Grades: 40%	Major Grades: 60%
Reading quizzes Lab quizzes	Tests Projects/Benchmarks Formal Lab Reports Major Quizzes Some labs

READING QUIZZES:

These will be conducted in class every **Monday** on paper. The reading quizzes will cover any assigned textbook reading from the previous week. Any missed reading quizzes will be taken in class the day the student returns. **Any reading quizzes not taken by the next Monday will be a zero.**

HOMEWORK:

Homework is assigned on an as needed basis and becomes due at the beginning of class on the due date unless otherwise specified. If a student is absent on the due date, the homework is due the **day they return**. The assignments are reviewed in class. The

best way to prepare for the exams is to keep up with homework and to talk with the instructor if something is not clear. Each student must know the concepts and processes in order to be successful in this class.

LABORATORY/GROUP ACTIVITIES:

Each student performs most labs in groups of two or four. All reports must be turned in on time, so that grading is consistent in each lab. It is highly recommended that each lab group exchange home phone number(s) in case a conference is needed regarding lab data.

LAB SAFETY:

Lab safety is a major priority. When using chemicals each student will be expected to wear goggles at all times in the lab. The student may bring their own goggles or use the goggles furnished in the chemistry lab. Failure to wear goggles or comply with lab safety rules may result in removal from the lab and/or alternative assignments.

Please be aware this course contains labs which require field work. We will be visiting areas around campus that will not be paved. If you are severely allergic to bee stings, poison ivy, ants, or any other creatures please let me know.

MAJOR TESTS:

Tests are administered after each major unit (two or more chapters). The tests consist of a multiple choice section (60%) and 1 or 2 free response questions (40%). Test remediation will be done in the form of criss-cross.

TEST MAKE UP POLICY:

Each student is responsible for all materials presented in lecture, lab, or assigned in the text. Make up exams must be made up within a week of the absence. Make up test dates/times will be posted in rooms 5-205, 5-204, 5-214, 5-102 and 5-115.

LATE WORK:

All students have the opportunity to turn in their work (daily, labs, and projects) late for a maximum grade of 70. NO late work will be accepted after the assignment has been returned to students; any work not turned in by that point will result in a zero. If an absence occurs within that time period, no extensions will be granted. It is school policy that makeup work be completed prior to any school sponsored absences.

ABSENCES

When a student is absent they are expected to make up their work as follows:

Daily Work & Projects:

1. Work due to an unexcused absence will result in a grade of zero.
2. Work due to an excused absence will be accepted **3 days** following the absence without penalty, but not after the assignment has been graded and returned.
3. All school related absences will be treated as excused absences. If a student's absence is more than one consecutive day, each additional absence receives a

one day extension. **Please remember that in accordance with PISD policy, all makeup work should be completed prior to leaving on a school sponsored absence.**

A.P. EXAM INFORMATION:

Date : May 9, 2024: 3 Hour exam (8:00 am)

1st part = 60% of the test grade; 90 minutes; 80 multiple choice questions with calculator

2nd part = 40% of test grade; 70 minutes; comprehensive 3 free response topics with calculator. Each university has its own policy regarding the credit that is given for AP Exams.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

Cheating is obtaining or giving information from/to another student and/or unauthorized source on an assignment (HW, labs, projects, tests, etc). Consequences are at the teacher's discretion according to the Plano East Senior High Honor Code.

TUTORIALS/ASSISTANCE:

Assistance on assignments is available based on the tutorial schedule. Please let us know if you need some extra help, this is what we are here for. If the instructor is not in the lab, check the science office, or ask another science teacher for the instructor's location. Tutorial times will be posted in your classroom.

NHS SERVICE HOURS:

Students have the opportunity to earn one (1) service hour for bringing either 3 boxes of tissues, or 3 rolls of paper towels to their class. Their teacher will sign off for this hour.