



Dear AP Environmental Science Student,

Welcome to APES! I am very excited about next year and look forward to having you in my class. We will have fun and learn a lot.

The goal of the AP Environmental Science course is to 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.

This is a fast-paced course. Students will be expected to do reading, videos and note-taking outside of class in order to be prepared for class material. In order to master the content required by this course, students must be diligent. Staying current on all assignments is an integral part of preparing for the APES exam. Quizzes will be given regularly. I expect students to come to class daily with all assignments thoroughly completed and ready to participate in class discussion.

I will do my very best to provide a college level course/experience which not only prepares you for the AP Exam, but provides a solid knowledge of environmental science. I also intend for our class to be interesting and inspiring! You are fortunate to be able to take this type of college level course in the high school setting as part of a small group. The thought processes and study habits required for this class will also help prepare you for college level work in any course.

This year's summer assignment is to complete the **APES Scavenger Hunt: APES Summer Research and Photo Journal** shared below:

[APES Summer Research and Photo Journal](#)

Before you begin the summer assignment, **you must e-mail me**, confirming your enrollment in APES and that you have read and understand the course requirements outlined in this letter and the summer assignment expectations. My e-mail address is: ejohnson@hpcacougars.org. The specific requirements for this email can be found at the link posted above.

I hope you enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you in class this fall!

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