



Environmental Science 2023-2024

Course Description: Environmental Science is a course that enables students to develop an understanding of the natural environment and the environmental problems the world faces. Students will participate in projects that will explore opportunities to manage, conserve, and preserve our natural resources. This semester will center on the World around us, the interactions between species and populations and their effects on their environment.

Attendance: Students are required to be in school every day. Students are responsible for communicating with their teachers to make up missed learning.

Essential Skills: Environmental Science Students will:

- Gather evidence through observations and activities
- Knowledgeably present evidence to peers
- Evaluate personal views concerning the environment

Course Expectations: Although not everything is graded, everything is important. In order to demonstrate growth and learning, students will need to:

1. Participate in class activities (take notes, work in a group, complete in class tasks, ask questions) without distractions (cell phones, games, etc.)
2. Use morning time and the teacher to seek help outside of class when needed.
3. Complete all assessments within teacher timelines.

Grading

Learning (Practice) includes instructional activities in and outside of class and are not used in grade determination.

Skyward Assessment (Grades) may include quizzes, labs, learning checks, tests, speeches, performances, and projects.

Final Grade	
A	90% - 100%
B	80% - 89%
C	70% - 79%
D	60% - 69%
F	0% - 59%

Calculations:

Final Grade Calculation	
Cumulative Grade	95%
Final Exam(s)	5%

Central High School Courses:

- Will determine grades based on student performance and growth.
- Will not include practice and behavior in grade determination.
- Will give all students regardless of absence an opportunity to demonstrate learning.
- Will not include extra credit.

Instructional Resources: Savvas Environmental Science textbook, Canvas, Annenberg Learner

Course Calendar/Pacing:

<u>Course Units/Chapters</u>			
<u>Unit 1: The World Around US</u>	<u>Unit 2</u> Earth Systems	<u>Unit 3: Land and Water Use</u>	<u>Unit 4 Resources and Consumption</u>
<u>Unit 5</u> Pollution	<u>Unit 6</u> Global Change and Sustainability		
<u>Workday/Professional Development (PLC)</u>	<u>Semester Exams</u>	<u>No School</u>	