



## ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE Classroom Guidelines

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**Room:** 280

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(E-mail is my preferred means of communications, please note I do not have a phone in my classroom.)

### Grading for Success:

Grades will be computed through a Total Points system in the following areas:

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| A. Homework            | (10-20 points)                             |
| B. Labs                | (20 points, for most assignments)          |
| C. Quizzes/Tests       | (30/50-70 points, depending)               |
| E. Projects/Papers     | (50-100 points, comparable to test grades) |
| F. Laboratory Notebook | (50 points)                                |

### Materials:

1. **Lab Notebook:** Spiral Notebook to be used ONLY for this class

(I recommend a 3 or 5 Subject Notebook to have enough space.)

2. **Binder** or folder within Binder to hold class handouts and papers

**\*You will be expected to have these materials every day you come to class.**

### Make-up Tests/Quizzes

Any make-up work is your responsibility to schedule. I will not remind you. If you are absent for a test/quiz, it is your responsibility to set a specific date with me to make up the test/quiz within the makeup period as defined by Creekside High School.

### POINTERS FOR SUCCESS:

#### *Classroom Rules –*

- **Be respectful to your peers, your teacher, and your classroom**
- **No Food or Drink other than bottled water, No GUM**
- **Always maintain proper behavior for lab safety**
- **No handling organisms or “class pets” without teacher permission**

**Grade Reports** - If a student or parent would like to see updated grades they are to utilize the Home Access Center with their provided appropriate ID and password from Creekside High School. **Students are not to ask for their grades before or during class when their peers are present and lessons are taking place.**

**Attendance** - As a high school student, it is your responsibility to come to me and find out what you have missed and to request to make up work. I will not chase you down to make up the work!

**Computer/Cell Phone Usage** – Computers in the classroom may be used only with permission from the instructor. Students may access only school-appropriate websites based on curriculum needs.

Cell phones may ONLY be used in the classroom with instructor permission specifically for the completion of a class assignment. At completion of the activity, ALL cell phones must be turned off and put away before leaving the classroom.

**\*\*PLAGIARISM POLICY– Any student caught cheating on an assignment will receive a zero for the assignment and risk Failing for the Quarter. Any student who copies another student’s homework, laboratory, or classwork will not receive credit for the assignment, no exceptions.** I will not tolerate cheating, but neither should you. Have some respect for yourselves and **take pride in your work!!**

\*\*\* Failure to follow these guidelines will result in school consequences as described in the [St. Johns County Code of Conduct Handbook](#).

STUDENT/PARENT ACCEPTANCE ON CLASSROOM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

**CLASS DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES from SJC Code of Conduct**

- First infraction.....Warning
- Second Infraction..... Parent Contacted & Teacher Issued Detention
- All others..... Referral to a Dean of students

**Student Conduct**

Students are expected to follow the guidelines as outlined in the St Johns County School District's Student Conduct Code and modified by Creekside High School Administration. According to the Student Code of Conduct, refusal to do work, failure to bring book or materials are not grounds for a disciplinary referral. The following actions will not be tolerated in this class

- 1. Tardiness to class
- 2. Head is down during class
- 3. Not doing work
- 4. Excessive talking and disturbing others
- 5. Exhibiting rude behavior directed toward fellow students or teachers; being argumentative
- 7. Any other actions the instructor deems detrimental to the learning environment.

**Signature Verification:** My signature below verifies that I have read and intend to fully comply with all the information in this document. If I cannot in good faith sign this document for any reason, I will contact the instructor immediately to discuss or clarify its contents. Please feel free to contact me during the school year if you have any concerns or if I can further help your student succeed.

**Outdoor Field Permission (Parent Verification):** During the course it will be necessary for students to occasionally conduct supervised lab work outside in the field. Students will need to dress accordingly and act accordingly. I understand if my child is not dressed appropriately or misbehaving, they will not join their classmates on a field trip. My signature below verifies that I will allow my student:

*To participate in supervised outdoor field work and agree to release and discharge the St. Johns County School District, its officers, agents, and employees exercising reasonable care within their scope of employment, from liability growing out of personal injuries and property damage resulting or occurring during the above mentioned activity, or in transit to from said activity.*

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**Parent and Student Acknowledgement:**

*The signed course syllabus shall be returned for credit. The top sheets will be returned to the student to be kept at the front of their Notebook for reference. The Signature Verification page will be kept on file with the teacher and upheld as understanding for rules and procedures to follow throughout the course.*

I/we have read Mrs. Pressel's Syllabus and are aware of the importance of its purpose.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact Number and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I encourage you to contact me via e-mail at any time with any of your concerns.

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**\*\* This page will be kept on file with the teacher for field trip and student conduct verification purposes.**