



McLean High School Course Description and Expectations for
AP Environmental Science

Prerequisites: Proficiency in chemistry and algebra (recommended minimum grade of B) and knowledge of fundamental ecological principles; passing scores on Algebra 1, Chemistry and Biology SOL exams

Short Course Description: A rigorous science course that focuses on the scientific principles and methodologies required to understand and analyze natural and man-made environmental problems.

Summer Assignment: Read two assigned books and submit a 6,000 to 8,000 word paper.

Work Load during the School Year: Successful students average 1 to 1½ hours per night on studying, lab reports and other written assignments.

Special Course Information: Environmental Science is generally offered at the sophomore or junior level at most colleges and therefore can be quite demanding for high school students. However, given the high level of achievement exhibited by the student body at McLean, committed students can be very successful in this course as shown by the results of the 2004 College Board AP test results.

AP Environmental Science Grade Distribution

AP Scores	5	4	3	2	1
National	8.6%	23.1%	18.6%	18.3%	31.5%
McLean HS	23.0%	36.1%	11.5%	19.7%	9.8%

Available support: After school help, review guides

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