

## Pre-AP Environmental Systems at James Bowie High School

It is very important that you and your student select courses for next year with careful consideration. **June-10<sup>th</sup> MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>** will be the absolute deadline for any student or parent to request changes. This must be done through **written communication** with the data processing office at Bowie. After **June-10<sup>th</sup> MAY 1ST**, **requests for course drop will not be considered until a student has been in a class for two weeks. Such requests will go to committee for review and decision.**

This class will be fun but challenging so students should be prepared to work in class and at home.

Pre-AP Environmental Systems is taught as a rigorous, college level course and covers topics that span all sciences from anatomy to zoology and everything in between.

Students should expect approximately 45-60 minutes of homework every night (estimates are based on college level skills in reading and writing). Daily attendance and daily review of class notes are crucial for a good understanding of the curriculum. Missing class for whatever reason will require immediate contact with fellow students and expenditure of time outside of class for make-up work/lab assignments.

We will be reading the book Ishmael by Daniel Quinn so that book will need to be purchased before the start of the semester.

There may be field trips to enhance our knowledge of the environment and further our appreciation for our world.

With their signatures on the James Bowie High School Course Contract, parents and students acknowledge their understanding of the commitment required to succeed in this course.