



Environmental Literacy Explorations 1 2022-2023 School Year

Environmental Literacy Explorations 1, or “Ex. 1” for short, is a one-semester project-based course designed to give students the freedom to explore their own interests in environmental literacy. Ex. 1 features **interactive experiences, field trips, guest speakers, group projects**, and content presented at a comfortable pace. Whether you take it in the fall or the spring, the Signature Program has some unique opportunities planned for you.

Our monthly field trips for next school year are:

September: Capital SUP Kayak Nature Paddle	February: University of Maryland Sustainability Tour
October: Jug Bay	March: Smithsonian Environmental Research Center
November: Anne Arundel Community College	April: Clagett Farms
December: Chesapeake Bay Foundation Merrill Center	May: Oyster Recovery Partnership Hatchery
January: Millersville Landfill & AACo. Water Treatment Facility	

*These are just the trips planned already. As things continue to open back up, others will be added. Examples of those we’re looking to add include a trip to Capitol Hill for an inside look at Environmental Policy, a trip to a solar or wind power plant, NASA, Northrop Grumman, and the USCG Yard (Curtis Bay).

The Signature Outdoor Classroom and BHS Greenhouse

will be fully up and running next school year.

Ex. 1 students will get to use these facilities regularly as they explore the topics listed below.

Environmental Economics
Sustainability
Biodiversity
Environmental Law
Pollution/Restoration

Lastly, taking Ex. 1 allows you to take Environmental Literacy Explorations 2 (Ex. 2) the following year. This course is in the process of becoming an Honors course and includes a capstone project that allows you to work with community partners to make an impact on the environment and your local community. With a focus on project management, Ex. 2 helps you develop skills that are transferrable to any career field.

Ex. 1 and Ex. 2 students also get first dibs on our Junior or Senior year AACC @ BHS College Courses (which fill up fast). Those who complete the whole program (Ex. 1, Ex. 2, College Courses) graduate with an Environmental Literacy Certificate and graduation cord.

Signing up for Ex. 1 is easy!

In your course registration portal, find the Environmental Literacy/Signature Courses section, and select Environmental Literacy Explorations 1. You can select Semester 1 (S1) or Semester 2 (S2).

Or you can show this paper to your counselor when you meet for scheduling.

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Roth at srroth@acaps.org or stop by C202!