

EARTH SCIENCE COURSE OUTLINE – 2016/2017

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TEACHER'S STUDY SESSION SCHEDULE: Wednesday 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., other days by appointment

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This class is a laboratory science class, with a strong emphasis on modeling earth processes. It is primarily a study of the earth's composition, structure, processes, and history: its atmosphere, fresh water and oceans, and its environment in space. The class teaches historical contributions in the development of scientific thought about the earth and space.

OBJECTIVES:

The student will master the content and skills outlined in the Virginia Earth Science Standards of Learning. A copy of these standards can be downloaded from the following site:

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/testing/sol/standards_docs/science/2010/courses/stds_Earth_science.pdf

MATERIALS:

1. 2-inch 3-ring binder with dividers and loose-leaf paper
2. Pencils and hand held pencil sharpener (or mechanical pencils), black or blue pen, colored pencils
3. Calculator (A simple 4 function calculator will be sufficient.)
4. Ruler
5. Ear buds or headphones – Keep it simple! The teacher and school are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items, including your \$300 wireless Beats. Dollar General is your friend.

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. The student will follow all rules and regulations as stated in the Student Code of Conduct.
2. The student will be in his or her seat when the bell rings, with all materials, prepared for class.
3. The student will behave respectfully toward all faculty, staff, and fellow students.
4. The student will remain seated until dismissed by the teacher or other faculty/staff.
5. The student will refrain from eating or drinking in class.
6. The student will check the class website and Edmodo daily to stay current on assignments, and check PowerSchool regularly to stay informed of academic progress.

TECHNOLOGY

The use of technology, including school issued computers/iPads during any class session is at the discretion of the teacher. When the teacher says, "Technology should now be at rest position", this means the computers/iPads are to be silent, and face down on the desk, or under the desk. The use of CELLPHONES and other personal technology is subject to the school policy.

Important – Remember that the teacher and school are not responsible for your personal property. Expensive technology items should be left at home.

Activities:

1. Maintain a detailed notebook. (There will be some open-note quizzes.)
2. Participate in all class activities and labs.
3. Complete all written assignments.
4. Perform all activities, including group activities**, according to instructions.
5. Research and write reports utilizing various sources and technologies. Plagiarism will not be tolerated!

**It is essential to the success of a team to be able to work together and all team members must contribute to the work being done. Team members that do not “pull their own weight” will be given a warning and a chance to participate. Continued refusal to participate will result in removal from the team. The student will complete the project on their own and in some instances may have to perform a substitute task.

ASSESSMENT/GRADES:

For each quarter the class grade counts as 80% of the report card grade and consists of:

Tests	General 55%, Honors 60%
Labs/quizzes/class work/projects	General 30%, Honors 30%
Homework	General 15%, Honors 10%

The nine weeks exam counts for the remaining 20% of the report card grade for each quarter. The two quarterly grades will be averaged to determine the final grade for the class.

When work is missed due to absence, arrangements should be made to make up the work within five (5) days of the student’s return. In accordance with school policy, work missed due to absence will be given a **temporary** zero until it is completed and turned in. The following statement appears on interim reports as a reminder of this policy:

“Permanent 0s on assignments can have a serious effect on a student’s average. Your child may have a 0 as the result of missed work from a recent absence. Since the work may still be made up, then they must speak with me immediately.”

When a student **chooses** not to turn work in on time it will be considered late. Late work will be assessed a one-time penalty of fifteen (15) points.

IWCS Grading Scale:

Grade	Range
A	93-100
A-	90-92
B+	87-89
B	83-86
B-	80-82
C+	77-79
C	73-76
C-	70-72
D	65-69
F	64 and below

Please do not text message your child during the school day. Parents are encouraged to call the office if communication with their child is required.

*****PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE ATTACHED CONTRACT*****

I have received the course outline for Earth Science and read it thoroughly. I understand the value of individual responsibility, safety in the lab and during fieldwork, and cooperation between my child and his/her teacher and classmates. I also understand that purposeful failure to meet behavioral expectations will result in disciplinary action being taken.

I understand that it is my responsibility to check the class website and edmodo.com frequently to stay informed about upcoming assignments and assessments. It is also my responsibility to check PowerSchool regularly to maintain awareness of my child's grade in the class. Missing work will result in zeroes that will negatively impact the overall class grade. If my child loses the PowerSchool login and/or password it is my responsibility to contact the main office to have it reissued. Teachers do not have access to that information.

PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

CONTACT PHONE _____ (preferred time to call _____) **email** _____

STUDENT PRINTED NAME _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____