**Earth and Environmental Science Syllabus**

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Welcome to Earth/Environmental Science. I look forward to an exciting semester with all of you. This syllabus is to provide a brief overview of this course and my expectations of you. Hopefully you will find this course interesting, and learn a wealth of valuable information that will assist you your whole life.

Here are some of my requirements for this course:

**Attendance:** Attendance is extremely important to your success in this class. Please understand that work must be made up if you are absent. Late work after an absence will be accepted for up to two weeks after the date the student returns. Any work not made up will result in a grade of “0”. If you miss a day of school, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to find out what work you missed and make it up.

**Tardiness:** Tardiness will be dealt with in accordance with the student code of conduct. You must be IN YOUR SEAT at the time the bell rings in order to be considered on time. You will be dismissed at the end of the class by the teacher- not by the bell. Remain in your seat at class end until you are dismissed.

**Grading:**

**Tests, notebook checks, (formal grades)- 70%**

**Classwork, homework, some quizzes (informal grades)- 30%**

**Progress reports:** Progress reports will be given to students every 4.5 weeks. They are to be taken home, signed by a parent or guardian, and returned to your teacher.

**Textbooks:** We will use a class set of textbooks so that you do not have to carry one around.

**Class Expectations:** You must come to class everyday with all necessary supplies in order to be prepared. Discipline issues will be enforced in accordance with the student code of conduct. Some specific issues are:

 **Sleeping in class**- ABSOLUTELY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. If you’re well enough to be in

 school, you’re well enough to stay awake.

 **Inattentiveness during class** (not paying attention, talking to classmates) This will cause you to

 miss important material in class. I don’t have time to cover this information

 twice.

 **Disrespect** (toward the instructor or other students) will not be tolerated and will be dealt with in

 accordance with the student code of conduct.

 **Cell phones** are not allowed out during class. Your phone should also have the ring turned off so

 it cannot disturb class. Cell phones will be confiscated if they are seen.

**Class Supplies:** You will need a two inch ring binder for a science notebook (not a spiral notebook). You will also need a set of six dividers with label tabs. We will be setting up your notebooks in a specific order. They will be checked once each quarter and will count as a formal grade. Looseleaf paper and pencil or pen must also be brought to class every day.