

# Hickory Career & Arts Magnet High School

## Earth and Environmental Science

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### **Materials and Supplies Needed:**

College Ruled Composition Notebook, Pencils, Pens, Highlighters, Scotch Tape, and Notecards

### **Requested Classroom Supplies:**

Dry-Erase Markers, Kleenex Boxes, Lysol Wipes, Construction Paper, Board Cleaner

### **Course Description:**

Earth and Environmental Science involves the study of the Earth as a body in space, as well as the biosphere on Earth. We will cover topics ranging from space to weather. Scientific inquiry and incorporating outside knowledge will be key to your success. You will learn to utilize technology as an aid in scientific inquiry, and learn to work collaboratively as well as independently on assignments and projects.

### **Expectations and Goals:**

I have 3 basic expectations that will allow you to be successful in my class:

1. **RESPECT** - respect your classmates, your teachers, your administrator, and yourself
2. **RESPONSIBILITY** - this is YOUR future, therefore YOU are responsible for your success
3. **BEHAVIOR** - your behavior will reflect the above

I want each and every one of you to succeed in my classroom. Students are welcome to come see me before and after school for extra help or to discuss grades, performance, or any other issues. DO NOT wait until the week of a test or project to ask for help. Specific classroom expectations are posted in the room. All district and school rules are to be followed at all times.

### **Grading Policy:**

#### Homework & Classwork: 20%

Homework will be given most days. Students are responsible for keeping up with the assignments. Homework will be kept in lab notebooks and will be checked at the end of each unit during notebook checks.

#### Quizzes, Laboratories, & Projects: 40%

Quizzes (announced and unannounced) will be given regularly to assess student comprehension of assigned readings, notes, and classwork

#### Unit Tests: 40%

Unit tests will be administered at the conclusion of each unit. Test formatting will include multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, short answer, matching, and essay questions.

### **Lab Notebook**

Throughout the course, each student will maintain a lab notebook. This will contain all of their experiment data, notes, homework, and even quizzes on occasion. It is essential that each student come to class prepared with their notebook each and every day. This is a large part of the final grade in this course. Notebooks will be collected on test days and graded. Below are some of the things that will be looked for during notebook checks:

### **Late Work**

It is your responsibility to make sure you are not missing any assignments, notes, etc. Look in the makeup basket and at your period's lab notebook for missing material. Late assignments will be subject to a grade reduction of 20% per day (1 day late 80%, 2 days late 60%, 3 days late 40%, 4 days late 20%, 5 days late 0%)

### **Class Participation**

Students will be expected to participate in all aspects of class including all labs, unless a medical reason prevents it. The teacher must be notified of any medical problems (i.e. injuries, medications, allergies) that might affect a student's performance. Participation is also expected during whiteboard meetings. Every student must contribute to their group. There will be a daily warm-up posted on the board and students are expected to complete the warm-up upon entering the classroom. We will also be working with fragile lab equipment and chemicals. ANY goofing off or horseplay during lab will result in immediate removal from the classroom and a call home. An alternate written assignment will be provided. Lab safety rules will be reviewed at the start of the semester.

### **Tutoring**

Any student with a D or below will be required to attend tutoring during Academic Extension (AE) in my room. Students with a D will attend at least 1 day of tutoring. Students with an F will be required to attend both days of tutoring (unless otherwise discussed with teacher). If tutoring is assigned, you MUST sign-up and attend or you will receive an office referral. If conflicts arise with another teacher's tutoring, come speak to me. Other students are welcome to attend tutoring to make-up missing assignments or receive further instruction.

### **Bathroom**

Students may not go to the bathroom during the first or last 15 minutes of class, per school policy. Students also may not go to the bathroom during note-taking or lab instruction. If you ask me during that time, I will tell you to wait. If it is an emergency, let me know. Each student will be given 10 bathroom passes per quarter. You may use these throughout the class period excluding the above mentioned restraints. Any unused bathroom passes may be turned in at the end of the quarter for extra credit.

### **Chromebooks**

Chromebooks will be used on a daily basis. Forgetting your chromebook at home or not having it charged is not a valid excuse for missing an assignment. Chromebooks can be checked out from Mr. Lee at the beginning of the day if needed. CHROMEBOOKS ARE A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT. If you misuse your chromebook in my class (i.e. visit an inappropriate website, listening to music during instruction, etc.), I will take it away. Multiple offenses will result in parent contact and/or a discipline referral. There is a time and a place for technology. You will use your Chromebooks, but they should **only** be out and open when the teacher asks for them.

### **Honor Code Violations**

Cheating will not be tolerated in any form. Administration will be contacted if cheating is suspected and parents may be notified. Talking during tests will be considered cheating, even if it is not regarding the test. I expect you to respect each other's right to a quiet environment when test-taking.

### **Attendance and Tardy Policy**

Students are expected to attend class every day in accordance with the HCAM student handbook. Students must be in the classroom and in their seat when the tardy bell rings. Otherwise, you will be counted as tardy per the HCAM student handbook.

### **Parent Contact**

Contact via letters, email, or phone calls will be made on a regular basis. Progress reports will be sent home during the 4th week of each quarter. Parents are welcome to contact me by email or phone if there are any questions or concerns.

### **Student Dress Code**

Students are expected to follow HCAM dress code. On some days, a student may be asked to wear specific clothing for protection during hands-on activities or labs (i.e. jacket, long hair tied back, etc.).

### **Extra Credit**

Opportunities to earn extra credit may be given sporadically throughout the semester at the teacher's discretion. DO NOT wait until the end of the grading period and ask me for extra credit to bump your grade; it will not be given.