

Ms. Dawson's Earth/Environmental Science Syllabus

Class Website: (we will use google classroom)



Course Topics and Expectations:

This course will investigate the various aspects of our planet and our place in the universe. The students will investigate the importance of water, weather, biomes, conservation, ecological principals, and many other topics that relate to our planet.

Course Goals and Objectives (from the NC Essential Standards for Earth/Environmental Science):

- 1: Explain the Earth's role as a body in space.
- 2: Explain how processes and forces affect the lithosphere.
- 3: Understand how human influences impact the lithosphere.
- 4: Explain the structure and processes within the hydrosphere.
- 5: Evaluate how humans use water.
- 6: Understand the structure of and processes within our atmosphere.
- 7: Analyze patterns of global climate change over time.
- 8: Explain how the lithosphere, hydro- sphere, and atmosphere individually and collectively affect the biosphere.
- 9: Evaluate human behaviors in terms of how likely they are to ensure the ability to live sustainably on Earth.

Class Rules:

- RESPECT yourself, your classmates and your teacher.
- ALWAYS do your best.
- ALWAYS be prepared.
- No Cell Phones, iPods, or other electronic devices are allowed without permission.
- No food or drinks are allowed in class. Water is allowed.
- SMILE ☺

Supplies:

- Loose Leaf Paper
- Pens (Blue or Black) and Pencils
- Colored Pencils, Markers OR Crayons
- Five-subject notebook (either spiral or composition for Earth Facts ONLY!)
- 2 rolls of scotch tape
- Additional Supplies may be needed for projects throughout the semester.

Attendance:

You should strive to be in class and on time every day. **If you must be absent, it is your responsibility to promptly make up any missed assignments, quizzes, or tests.** By policy, students have 3 days to make up missed assignments.

Bathroom Policy:

Students will have 8 bathroom passes per semester. Use them wisely.

Late Work:

Any late work that is turned in will receive no higher than a 60 AFTER the assignment has been graded. This applies to homework, classwork, labs, etc.. **TURN YOUR WORK IN ON TIME!!** Due to deadlines for grade postings, I will have 'due by' dates set (TBA) for progress reports and report cards. In a given nine weeks any work not turned in by the progress report deadline will not be accepted after progress reports grades have been turned in.

Grading:

1. I follow the Cumberland County Schools grading scale: A=100-90, B=89-80, C=79-70, D=69-60, F= 59- below.
2. Your semester grade is calculated by the following formula

$$\text{Semester grade} = .80(\text{final class grade}) + .20(\text{Final exam grade})$$

3. There will be a North Carolina Final Exam that will be 25 percent of the final grade.

Tests and Quizzes:

You will be expected to take tests on the assigned day. If you are absent on the day of a test or quiz, please see me to discuss a makeup time. Please note that you must make these arrangements within a timely manner. I will give both announced and unannounced quizzes. The material on these quizzes will be information we have already discussed in class.

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism will not be tolerated on any assignment in my classroom. I will follow the Cumberland County policy as stated in the handbook. Please see the handbook for details.

Interactive Notebook:

You will create an interactive notebook during the course of the semester. It will include note with diagrams and drawings, vocabulary, cut-outs, etc. This notebook is design to be used as a tool to use as a review for the final exam. The exam will count as 25% of your final grade.

Extra Credit

There is No extra credit.

Tutoring:

Will be scheduled as needed. (During the school day, afterschool, (and possibly Saturday sessions in preparation for the final exam).

Discipline

Will be followed as set by Reid Ross Classical discipline process and as specified in the student code of conduct booklet.

Contact Information:

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