

Environmental Systems – Course Syllabus
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Supplies-

1. A writing utensil (preferably pencils with erasers)
2. Composition notebook or spiral for note-taking
3. District issued Chromebook or other personal device with which to access online assignments

Classroom Expectations

- Arrive to class on time and in dress code with a **VISIBLE ID**.
- Follow the school wide electronic policy- may use **with teacher permission on the high school wifi network**. No headphones allowed during class unless specifically instructed for use on an assignment.
- Have all of your needed materials.
- Find your seat and begin working on posted warm-up activity immediately and quietly.
- Use positive language when talking to anyone and treat classmates and class materials with respect.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR DRINKS IN THE LABORATORY AREA**. This is for your health and safety.
- ***Follow ALL given safety instructions while in lab***. You and your guardian must sign a laboratory safety agreement and abide by it. **ZERO TOLERANCE FOR UNSAFE BEHAVIOR DURING LABS!** Discipline referrals will be used.
- Clean up your workspace before leaving the classroom or laboratory.

Grading Policy

Major Grades (Tests, Projects, Research Reports, Notebook) 40%

Daily Grades (Quizzes, Participation, Labs, Daily Work) 60%

Absences and Late Work

- Every day that students are absent will equal the number of days that they have to make up the assignment unless otherwise dictated by the instructor. The procedures for unexcused absences and makeup work will be followed as described in the student handbook.
- It will be the student's responsibility to check the calendar or with the teacher for what they missed.

Opportunities for extra credit will be offered throughout the year.

Tutorials are offered every Wednesday after school from 3:50 to 4:50 pm or by appointment

Course Overview:

The major topics to be covered are outlined below. Projects, minor grades and exams will accompany each unit. Please consult Ms. Brookman's online calendar for a complete list of assignments, tests, and due dates.

Semester 1:

Unit 1 – Ecosystem Dynamics

Unit 2 – Modeling Earth's Systems

Unit 3 – Managing Resources

Semester 2:

Unit 4 – Population Dynamics

Unit 5 – Environmental Impact

Unit 6 – Environmental Ethics, Research, and Law