

# Regents Earth Science Course Requirements

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**Textbook:** Heath Earth Science – This book is taken home and stays home until the end of the year.

**Lab Book:** Explorations in Earth Science – This book will be kept along with your notebook and will be brought to class every day.

**Review Book:** UPCO Physical Setting Earth Science Review – This book will be brought to class **every day**. Homework assignments and ‘do nows’ will be assigned from this book. Students will purchase this book at a price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. No cash will be accepted. Checks or money orders must be payable to *Sayville Public Schools*. **Please write: student’s name, phone number and the word “Science”, on the check.** The Earth Science Department will submit the review book order early the second week of school, therefore please have your son/daughter return the check to their Earth Science teacher **by Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**.



## **Grade Breakdown by Percentage:**

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| • Class Participation | <b>20%</b>        |
| • Homework            | <b>10%</b>        |
| • Labs                | <b>30%</b>        |
| • Tests               | <b><u>40%</u></b> |
|                       | <b>100%</b>       |

**Class Participation:** This grade will be based on the “Five P’s”. All students will begin each quarter with 200 Points Participation. Students will lose points if they infringe upon any of the “Five P’s”. An absence will usually result in the loss of all 5 points (“P’s”) for the day.

1. **Prompt** – Be in class, quiet down, and ready to work when the bell rings.
2. **Present** – You are present in class. Poor attendance will reduce your potential for success.
3. **Prepared** – Have and take out all required materials, be ready for the day’s lesson (no locker passes).
4. **Productive** – You are positively engaged during notes, discussions, ‘do nows’, labs and related activities when asked to do so in a timely manner, only Earth Science work will be done in class, you are on task for the entire class.
5. **Polite** – Treat each other with mutual respect.

**Homework:** Homework is assigned every night. Homework is due at the beginning of class. Every Friday an assignment will be given online (CastleLearning.com) and will be due the following Tuesday. This assignment will be due by 4:00 pm on the due date. No late assignments will be accepted. The majority of the Quarterly HW grade is based upon the Castle Learning assignments. A minimum grade of 75% must be achieved to receive full credit (10 pts.); an incomplete assignment will receive a zero. Other daily assignments will occasionally be collected or checked at student’s seats for HW credit.

**Labs:** Labs are an essential part of any Regents level class. Labs may occasionally be evaluated with a lab quiz. During a lab quiz, you may use the lab in order to answer the questions. However, the majority of labs will be graded on a check point basis out of 10 points maximum (✓++ 10.0, ✓+ 9.5, ✓ 8.5, ✓- 7.5, ✓-- 6.5). The lab grade will be based upon the completion of four sections: *Vocabulary*, *Procedures*, *Discussion Questions*, and *Conclusion*. Satisfactory completion of each section is necessary to receive a passing grade; otherwise the lab will be returned to the student with an Unsatisfactory. The student will be required to resubmit the lab within three school days. The maximum grade a student will receive for a resubmitted lab is 65%.

**It will be necessary for students to utilize 10<sup>th</sup> period to complete labs on-time** and/or resubmit unsatisfactory labs. **Labs are due on the date specified at the beginning of class.** Unsatisfactory labs that have not been resubmitted within 2 days (3-30 days late: 0 for Lab in grade book, Regents Credit Only).

**New York State Lab Requirement:** *Students must successfully complete 1200 minutes of lab work in order to sit for the Earth Science Regents Exam in June. This is a NY State Requirement and cannot be changed under any circumstances. If the student does not complete the lab requirement they will not receive credit for the course, will not be eligible for summer school and will need to repeat the course the following year. Labs that are not completed or remain unsatisfactory will not count toward the 1200 minutes of lab time.*

**Tests:** Tests will consist of Regents style multiple-choice, short answer and constructed response questions. Examples of Regents questions can be found throughout the UPCO Review Book. Tests are a large percentage of your grade, and studying will be necessary. Reviews may be held 10<sup>th</sup> period before an exam.

**Required Materials:** Besides your Lab book and UPCO Review Book, the following items will be required in class **every day**:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pen and Pencil</b> (required for Labs)            | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Folder (optional)</b>                                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>3-Ring Binder</b> (at least 1.5 inch) w/ sections | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Earth Science Reference Tables</b> (students will each receive their own copy) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Calculator and your mind</b>                      |                                                                                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hi-lighter</b>                                    |                                                                                                            |

**General Requirements:**

- If you are late to class, you must have a pass with an excuse or reason. If you do not, you will receive an automatic 10<sup>th</sup> period detention for that day. Two lateness or 10<sup>th</sup> period detentions will result in an after school P.M. detention.
- Turn off and put away all electronic devices, including headphones.
- Eating or drinking (except H<sub>2</sub>O) , will not be allowed in class at any time.
- No Hats allowed during class.
- Only Earth Science work will be done in class.
- If you are absent, it is your responsibility to see your teacher ASAP **10<sup>th</sup> period** to discuss missed work. Please do not ask your teacher “*what I miss ?*” in class the day you return.
- If you need to use the lavatory, please ask during lab or the last 5 minutes of lecture.
- If you forget something in your locker, you will have to deal without it in class (no locker passes).

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## EARTH SCIENCE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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I have read and understand the course requirements for the Sayville High School *Regents Earth Science* program.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

**Please check one:**

☐ My son/daughter *has permission* to go outdoors during lab time.

☐ My son/daughter *does not have permission* to go outdoors during lab time.

Any special notes, concerns or issues you would like me to be aware of in regards to anything.....

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**Please return this page with the above signatures to your Earth Science teacher, but keep the rest of the “*Course Requirements and Information*” packet in your science notebook for your future reference. Thank you!!! 😊**