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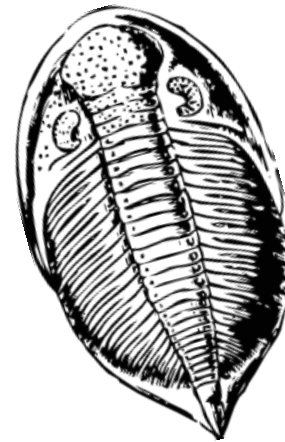
2023-2024

Regents Earth Science

Course Syllabus & Policy

Introduction: This class is the first Regents science program in which you will study Earth Science (Geology) and the many components of Earth Systems. The following topics will be explored throughout the school year:

- Observations, Measurements, Graphing & Interpretation of Data
- Earth Dimensions
- Minerals & Rocks
- Dynamic Crust
- Geologic History
- Weathering, Erosion, Deposition, & Landscape Development
- Meteorology
- Water Cycle & Climate
- Astronomy



Grading Policy: All grades will be based on a weighted points system as follows:

Tests (40%)– Students will be given advanced notice on test dates. Assessments will be composed of but not limited to multiple choice, constructed response, projects, and major assignments.

Quizzes (15%) – Students will be given advanced notice on quiz dates. Each quiz will be composed of 10-30 questions. Some quizzes will be completed online using Castle Learning or Microsoft Forms.

Homework/Classwork (15%)– There will be at least 2-3 homework assignments per week. Each assignment is designed to reinforce the content being covered in class and will be in the form of a worksheet, Castle Learning, or completing the written portions of a lab activity.

Lab Work (30%)– The amount of lab work for each unit will vary and will typically take 2 class periods to complete. The students will complete approximately 30 – 40 lab activities throughout the year.

IMPORTANT: 1200 minutes of laboratory work are **required** by the State for a student to be eligible to take the Regents exam in June. Any student with insufficient minutes prior to the performance test will not be able to take the exam.

- Missing/Failing even just one lab could make you **ineligible** to take the Regents Exam in June.
- IF YOU FAIL A LAB IT MUST BE RESUBMITTED SO THAT IT IS PASSING (65%) OTHERWISE IT DOES NOT COUNT. YOU HAVE 6 DAYS TO MAKE-UP FAILING LABS FROM THE DAY YOU WERE NOTIFIED.
- A laboratory performance test, a component of the Regents Examination, must be completed **prior** to the written portion of the Regents Examination. This will take place in June.





Late Work Policy:


- Assignments will not be accepted after the specified due date, and a grade of 0 will be given. Students are still expected to complete the work for their own benefit.
- If a student is absent on the day an assignment is due, they will need to present the completed assignment upon their return to receive full credit.
- If a student is absent on the day an assignment is assigned, it is their responsibility to *obtain that assignment upon returning to school and will have time to make up that assignment for full credit as agreed upon by the teacher.
- If a student misses a lab workday, they will have a 6-day cycle to make it up and turn in their completed work.
- If the student does not turn in their lab work on the designated due date, they will receive a 0 for a grade, but are expected to complete the lab for the purpose of gaining lab minutes.
- Tests and Quizzes – Any missed test or quiz needs to be made up within a 6-day cycle or it will result in a 0.

*With the use of Teams and One Note, students should be able to check to see what work they are missing, and even work on assignments if they have been uploaded to these platforms. In other words, there is very little excuse for not being able to obtain missed work.

Technology Used This Year:

 **Teams** – This will be the central hub of activity for our class. Here You will be able to check the “Week at a Glance” channel for what is being covered each week, keep updated on important class details in the “General Post” channel, message me throughout the day if you have questions, and check assignments with due dates that will be uploaded and posted in the “Assignments” section. In the event that you are out of school for an extended time due to illness, you can also submit your work using this platform. If we need to have a virtual meeting, we will do so on Teams.

 **One Note** – This will serve as a place for digital folders and notebooks as an alternative to paper copies. Your class notes, PowerPoints, and assignments will be uploaded into their respective folders for each unit. If you prefer, you will be able to take notes and work on assignments using this platform. However – Keep in mind that most of your assignments will be turned in on paper, and this application will not be the main source of distributing materials.

 **Outlook** – This will be a primary source of communication. This will be used to communicate any questions you may have about assignments or labs, discuss any aspects of what we are studying, or to inform me of an absence/tardiness. You will receive email notifications from me regarding any important news or updates. You will also receive notifications through Teams.

Attendance Policy: (Refer to the District Attendance Policy)

- **Excused Absence** – If you should miss class due to an illness, family emergency, or any other approved absence, you will be given time to make up the missed work with assistance from the teacher.
- **Unexcused Absence** – If you should miss class due to an unapproved absence, you may not be given the privilege to make up the missed work. Unexcused absences include truancy (with no note produced after 3 days), family vacations, road test/permit test, hunting, babysitting, oversleeping, haircut.
- **Family Vacations** – If you know well ahead of time that you will be missing school due to a family vacation, it is your responsibility to obtain any work that may be missed. Please let me know at least one week in advance so that I can assemble your work.
- **Excused Tardy** – If you are late to class, but have a pass from another teacher, administrator, guidance counselor, or nurse.
- **Unexcused Tardy** – If you are not in your seat when the bell rings or walk in late without an approved pass. **If you are late 3 consecutive times, you will be written up with a referral!**

Classroom/Behavior Policy:

As the teacher, it is my job to create an atmosphere of respect and rapport among all persons involved in the classroom. Any behavior that disrupts learning and is disrespectful will not be tolerated.

Rules:

- Use your manners! Show respect to others and respect yourself.
- Respect the room and its contents.
- No food/drinks allowed.
- Always put forth your best.
- Cell Phone use is prohibited unless otherwise indicated by the teacher. Cell phones, headphones, earbuds, and airpods should be ***put away at the beginning of class!***

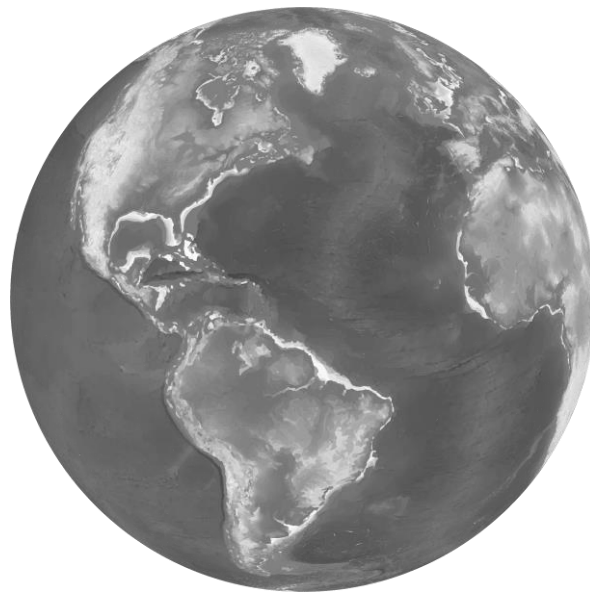
Materials: You are expected to come prepared to class EVERYDAY with the following:

- Your CHARGED laptop (Bring your charger just in case)
- Pens/Pencils
- 3 Ring Binder (2" or 3")
- Earth Science Reference Tables

Other items you will need throughout the year:

- 4 function calculator
- Colored pencils
- Metric ruler
- Glue stick (recommended)

Text Book – There are textbooks located in the classroom for reference and are to remain in the room.





Please sign below and return to class with a parent signature to indicate that you and your parent(s) have read and understand the EARTH SCIENCE class expectations and grading policy.

I have read and understand the above expectations and grading policy and I am aware that 1200 passing lab minutes are required to be eligible to take the Regents Exam in June:

Student Name (Please Print)

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Parent email (Please Print)

Phone Number