

Environmental Syllabus 2023-2024

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Prep period 7 (12:45-1:23)

Course Overview:

Environmental science will take a look at the natural processes of the world and how humans are impacting them. We will use many different sciences to provide solutions to the many environmental problems facing us today, and future generations. This class will be based on projects, articles, discussion, lecture and assignments.

Required Text:

Environmental Science, *Botkin & Keller*

Course Materials:

Students will be taking notes daily, receiving handouts, doing lab work, and completing presentations.

-Ideally a 1", 3 ring binder (I can provide if necessary)

-Lined Paper (for note taking)

Resources:

Assignments, labs and assessments will be handed out in class. Grades and attendance will be kept in PowerSchool, which students and parents can monitor throughout the semester.

Grades:

A=93-100 B=85-92 C=77-84 D=70-76 F=0-69

Participation/Classwork/labs (26.67% 80 pts. Per quarter) - Attendance, adherence to classroom rules, presence in group activities/Based on handouts given in class (worksheets, pre-labs, etc.).

Chances to edit will be determined on an as needed basis.

Homework (20%, 60 pts. Per quarter) - Homework will be given out roughly once a week and will be used to enhance lecture

Tests (26.67%, 80 pts. Per quarter) - Based on individual chapters or units, Multiple choice and short answer. 1 chance to edit

Presentations (26.67%, 80 pts. Per quarter) - Presentations will be based on relevant material, there will probably be two a quarter. Graded based on rubric so there will be zero chances to edit.

*Points and percentages are subject to change due to the number of remote days and other extenuating circumstances.

Assignment Policy:

Due dates of assignments will be given in the classroom as well as online. Assignments passed in late will receive a 5% deduction for every day late. If the assignment is over a week late, they will receive a maximum of a 70% and if the assignment isn't handed in at the time that grades close they will receive a 0% for that assignment. Late assignments are not eligible for corrections unless there are extenuating circumstances. Students struggling with assignments are more than

welcome to come in before or after school and receive extra help. If you wish to edit an assignment you will receive the average grade between the original assignment and the edited assignment. For example, if a student received an 84% on the original assignment and then a 100% on the edit, the final grade would be a 92%.

Sequence:



***Standards have changed to NGSS, sequence will remain the same, but names will change.**

Assessment Policy:

Assessments will be handed out during class and expected to be completed during the same class period. I may allow students to complete an assessment before or after school if they need extra time, but all assessments are designed to be completed in the allotted time. Projects will have the same 5% deduction for days late that other assignments have. Students are responsible for their study habits and quality of work, but I am available to assist before or after school.

Classroom Policy:

The classroom will follow all high school policies listed in the student handbook (Cell phones, bullying, dress code, etc.)

Classroom Rules:

1. No cell phones or electronic devices unless otherwise stated.
2. No food or drink in the LAB. This is for your safety. Please ask before eating or drinking in the classroom.
3. Arrive on time ready to learn.
4. DO NOT cheat, plagiarize, or copy work.
5. Use polite and appropriate language.
6. In the event of an absence (excused or unexcused) be sure to check what you missed.
Remember an absence doesn't excuse you from a due date.
7. LABORATORY SAFETY is of the utmost importance! If unsafe behavior is witnessed you may be asked to leave the classroom.

Classroom Procedures:

1. Arrival to class - get out the materials listed on the board and be ready to learn (quiet)
2. Late arrival - grab a late arrival slip from the front table and fill it out by the end of class.
Turn it into me before you leave. 3 unexcused tardies = detention.