

**Advanced Earth Science Course Description- Grade 6**  
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**Please text with any questions or concerns.**

I am available to help every day, including weekends, until 8PM. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Texting is encouraged.**

**Course Description** – Earth Science: Plate Tectonics, Weather, Space and Astronomy, and Human Impact on the Environment.

The emphasis of this course will be on grade level course objectives, AMSTI and scientific inquiry, science projects, and the design process. Students will be expected to participate in group learning and laboratory activities that align to their grade level course of study.

**Schoology:** ALL essential study materials are posted in Schoology on a weekly basis. Please check the weekly folder each day. It is important to stay up-to-date on assignments and projects.

**Course Requirements/Procedures** –The following will be expected of all students:

- Maintain an organized, up-to-date planner. Writing down homework as soon as you enter the room is required.
- Complete daily assignments and projects by the due date
- Homework assignments will not be given over email or text message. Write your homework in your planner every day.
- Follow ALL lab safety rules and procedures. A signed Lab Contract is required of students and parents. A ZERO will be given to any student who does not comply with lab safety standards.
- Be prepared for class with planner, supplies, and notebook.
- Name and class period are required on all handouts, or 5 points will be deducted.
- Page numbers and dates are required on all pages in the interactive notebook. 5 points will be deducted from every assignment for students who do not follow these guidelines.
- Long term assignments/projects are due on the due date or before the due date. Late work is not accepted. "Late" means after the class period ends
- Maintain behavior consistent with the PPS Student Handbook. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with PPS rules and standards will result in a parent conference and/or detention.
- Raise your hand and ask questions when you need help. Asking for help is important to your understanding of the subject matter. If you don't ask, you will never know.
- RESTROOM: Go to the restroom between classes. Take care of your business.

**Absences/Make-up Work** – Students are responsible for completing all assignments. When a student returns from an absence of any length, they must check the "While You Were Out" folder and retrieve missed assignments. Missed assignments must be submitted as soon as possible. It is the student's responsibility to retrieve missed work and notify teacher immediately of absence.

**Student and Parent Schoology Email Notifications:** Important emails will be sent out weekly. Please check your Schoology emails regularly.

**Late Assignments:** Late assignments ARE NOT ACCEPTED. Students will receive a ZERO.

**Science Project-** All Phillips students are required to complete a science project. The project will begin in August and end in December. Each part of the project will be graded throughout 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. The final board will count as 3–100 point major grades for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Students are expected to keep their science project folder neat and up-to-date. DO NOT use the science project folder for other subjects. DO NOT HESITATE to text me any time you have questions about the science project. I sincerely do not mind at all. I am happy to help students after school with the testing portion of their project, if needed. Please let our counselor know if you have a financial need and are not able to purchase supplies for the project. Help is available.

**Interactive Notebook-** The composition book will contain the notes, diagrams, vocabulary, and essential information needed for class. Textbooks will be available in the classroom only. Test material will be based on the contents of the notebook and lab reports. Students are expected to complete all work in the notebook. Students are expected to use their best handwriting and coloring skills to complete assignments. Points will be deducted for work not on par with PPS standards. Page numbers and dates are required on every page in the notebook.

**Supplies-** Students will need 4 **college ruled** composition books, 1- 3-prong folder with pockets (paper, NOT plastic), pencils, **colored pens** for taking notes (blue, red, black, green, purple, etc.) Bic Extra Bold are best, colored pencils/crayons, scissors, Scotch Magic Tape, highlighters, index cards, Post-It Notes, and a black Sharpie. Please label all supplies with first and last name. These supplies are used daily.

**Cheating/Plagiarism-** A zero will be given for these offenses. Copying someone's homework or class work is considered cheating.

Student Name (Please Print)\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Student Email:\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (Please Print):\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email:\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Number:\_\_\_\_\_