Earth Science Syllabus – Fall 2018

**Course Description:**

This course will focus on in-depth study of two of the earth science strands: earth in the universe and earth systems, structures and processes. Emphasis includes how human activity impacts the lithosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere. Also, students will investigate how sustainable practices may impact local and global resources.

**Teacher Contact Information**:

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**Topics Covered Include (but not limited to):**

Earth’s role as a body in space, how processes and forces affect the lithosphere, structure and processes of the hydrosphere and within the atmosphere, human influence on the lithosphere and hydrosphere, analysis of global climate change over time, how the biosphere is affected by the lithosphere, hydrosphere and atmosphere, and how human behaviors affect earth’s natural resources

**Materials Needed:**

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| Pocket Folder/Binder (your choice) | Remind Phone App  (or access to the internet) |
| Loose Leaf Paper | Blue/Black Ink Pens or Pencils |

**Cellphone Policy:**

1. Phones will be put into an assigned calculator pocket OR in the bin I provide for them
2. No use or charging of phones in student’s possession only in assigned pocket.
3. Procedure must be done BEFORE the bell rings at the beginning of class
4. Students can earn phone usage time as a reward for working efficiently

**Consequences**

**First Time** - Name on the Board

**Second Time** - Sent to SMC (Minor Referral and Phone Call home)

**Third Time** -Major Referral (Administration takes over)

**Any additional time -** Referral (no warning)

**Grading Policy:**

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| 60% Assessments/Projects  30% Classwork, Labs, Quizzes  10% Homework and Participation | *How Final Grade is calculated*:  25% 1st Six Weeks Grade  25% 2nd Six Weeks Grade  25% 3rd Six Weeks Grade  25% North Carolina State Final Exam |

All grades for the semester can be accessed through PowerSchool and the access is given through a username and password system. Grades will updated multiple times a week and the most updated grade will be displayed every Saturday.

**Missed Work:**

If you do not turn in an assignment by its due date, 10% will be taken off for every school day it is late for up to four days. Late work will NOT be accepted more than four days late. If you miss a test or a quiz, you have 4 days to make it up after school. You will need to make an appointment with your teacher to make up the work after school.

**Mastery Tracking Competition**:

Students are evaluated on Unit tests and the Final Exam based on Physical Science Standards determined by the Board of Education and State of Education. I use these standards to formulate a 6-week competition for my classes. The teams are randomly selected and students will be notified which team color they are. The ways to earn and lose points are as follows:

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| **Earn Points :)**  **(This impacts the whole team)** | **Lose Points :(**  **(This impacts the student individually)** |
| Achieve 75% or above accuracy on a Standard on a Test | Breaking School and Classroom Rules |
| Win Review Games during class | Unexcused Absences |
| Stay after-school for review sessions | Cheating/Lying |
| Following Cell Phone and Behavioral Policies | Tardies/Consequences |

**Remind 101:**

**To join text your code below to the phone number 810-10**

**Earth Science –**

**Period 1 Class Code @ESP12018**

**Earth Science –**

**Period 4 Class Code @ES2018P4**