

Regents Earth Science: The Physical Setting

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COURSE CRITERIA

Objectives: This introductory course in earth science covers principles of geology, hydrology, meteorology, and astronomy. Students will learn the classification schemes of earth materials, mapping principles, processes that shape the earth's surface, the history of the earth as revealed by the rock and fossil record, the hydrologic cycle, principles of weather, and the basics of astronomy. We will examine theories to explain earth science facts and study the scientific method as it is applied to problems that impact humans and the environment.

Course Requirements: Students are responsible for completing assignments, maintaining a classroom notebook/binder, and participating during classroom discussions. Student progress will be assessed using reflective questions, quizzes, and unit exams. **Students must pass the NYS Regents Exam in June in order to get regents credit for this course!**

Labs: Lab periods are scheduled every two days and completion of lab reports is a *prerequisite* for taking the regents exam. *Completing and turning in a written lab report is mandatory and missed labs must be made up. Incomplete labs will result in failure of the course.*

Grading:	Classwork/Homework	20%
	Quizzes/Projects	25%
	Exams	40%
	Labs	15%

The Regents Exam in June will count toward of the 4th marking period grade.

Grades are calculated on a point-allocation system. Please check Parent Connect for your pupil's grade and email Mr. Lanik with any questions. I will try to answer back within one business day.

Materials: Earth Science textbook and review book (supplied by school library), spiral notebook, 3-ring binder (1 inch) and lined paper, 2 pens, 2 pencils, calculator, colored pencils for labs.

An agenda is highly encouraged!

Expectations:

- Be on time, Be prepared, Be engaged. Early is on time! On time is late!
- Cell phones and all Electronics are prohibited in ALL classrooms (includes/not limited to: ear buds, headphones, IPODS)
- The Dress code will be strictly enforced (includes/not limited to: Hats, hoodies and bandanas as well as what is prescribed by the school handbook and posters)
- Disrespect/Disruption to the educational process is prohibited (includes/not limited to: bullying, profanity, food consumption and personal grooming)

Positive Rewards:

- Phone call/email/post card home
- Free homework pass
- Teacher answer
- Class reward

Consequences:

- Verbal/non-verbal warning
- Move the student's seat
- Parent contact
- Lunch detention/afterschool detention
- Conference with administrator

NON-NEGOTIABLES – Immediate removal from classroom (includes/not limited to): Fighting; both physical and verbal, vandalism, theft, chronic disruption, and suspicion of being under the influence of illegal substances.

SEVERE CONSEQUENCES: To be determined by administration

Keys to Success in Earth Science: Attendance is one of the keys to success in this class. The class grade will include points for attendance: no points are earned when absent/half points are earned when tardy. Three times tardy/absent will result in a call home as well as other consequences (detention). Neatness and organization are paramount for success in science. **All work must be handed in on the due date.** It is the student's responsibility to make up any missed work due to an excused absence during office hours (after school from 2:30-3:30 on Mondays). **Late work will not receive credit unless it is due to a excused absence and is made up! Work missed due to an unexcused absence cannot be made up and will receive a grade of zero.**

A copy of this Course Criteria sheet and the Classroom Rules can be viewed on Mr. Lanik's Website. The website is a great place to check on assignments and current topics (video links/powerpoints/notes etc.) (sotarochester.org; click on "teachers", click on "Lanik, W"; click on "Course Criteria" on the left-hand column)

Mr. Lanik is available for extra help on Mondays from 2:30-3:30 pm in Room A347.

Important Dates:

Curriculum Night – Sept. 12, 6-8 pm

Parent Teacher Conferences: Oct. 11 (5-7), Dec 7 (12:30-2:30), March 7 (5-7), March 21 (12:30-2:30)

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Please keep the above information and have your student return the signed slip on the bottom of the page.

I have read and will live up to the expectations outlined in this course criteria sheet:

Student Name (*PRINT!*): _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Contact Information:

Phone Number (home): _____ **best time to call** _____

Alternate Numbers: (cell): _____ **best time to call** _____

(work): _____ **best time to call** _____

(other): _____ **best time to call** _____

Email: _____

Preferred way to be contacted: _____