

Ribault High School
Earth Space Science - Honors
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Earth Science

This course is an inquiry-based curriculum designed to allow students to broaden their approach to learning Earth Science and see immediate applications of the concepts presented. The course is very hands-on and interactive requiring students to learn to work independently and in groups to achieve learning objectives. There are seven units covered by the District Curriculum. You will receive a copy of this with your student's communication package. You can view this at: www.Dreamsbeginhere.org and access the text book web site at www.agiweb.org/earthcomm.

Required Materials

These items must be brought to this class daily.

- Earth Science Textbook
- One 1 inch three-ring binder
- Six dividers (can be made)
- Lined notebook paper
- One bound composition notebook
- #2 pencil, pen, highlighter
- School planner
- Student ID (must be displayed)

General Class Rules

1. Be Responsible
 - For yourself
 - For your things
 - For your work

2. Be prepared
 - Bring all materials to class
 - Complete all assignments

3. Show Respect
 - By your actions
 - By your words

Specific Class Rules

1. Come to class ready to learn,
2. Groom, sleep, eat, and drink on your own time.
3. Respect yourself and take responsibility for your actions.
4. Follow all school wide policies.
5. Class begins and ends with the bells. Use every minute for success!

Disciplinary Procedure

1. Warning
2. Teacher/student conference
3. Phone call to parent
4. Parent/Student/Teacher conference
5. Referral to the Dean

School Policies

Students will follow all school policies as outlined in the student handbook and code of conduct. These include, dress, behavior, cell phones, electronic devices, and most other issues.

Rewards

Do you want to make some \$\$? You can earn Bonus Bucks for class participation, attendance, no tardy slips, whole class attendance, and going above and beyond classroom expectations. Trade your Bonus Bucks in points at the end of each marking period.

Grading Policy

All assignments, tests, and quizzes will be assigned a point value. Grades are based on a percentage of those points earned. The following is a list of approximate points earned per grading period.

- Unit Project (Chapter Challenge) 150 points
- Unit Test 50 points
- Quizzes 50 points
- Labs/Class/Activities/ Participation 200 points
- Daily Journal 100 points
- Homework 100 points
- Article Review 20 points
- Notebook 25 points
- Honors Extension Reports 50 points
- Misc. graded items 100 points

Unit Project

A unit project or Chapter Challenge is assigned for every chapter as **required by the district curriculum**. Students will use their books, notes, the Internet, library, and outside sources. Specific instructions will be given at the beginning of each unit. This project is a large portion of the student's grade. Failure to turn in a unit project may result in a lower grade than anticipated!

Honors Extension Reports

This is an honors course. Students will go into more depth and detail with each unit. Students will be expected to complete reports and presentations on various topics within the units.

Tests and Quizzes

Students will be tested on their understanding of the content of each section in a chapter and with a cumulative chapter test. **Regular quizzes will be given every 5th class meeting day.** Daily pop quizzes are also possible.

Class work and Activities

Participation and completion of assignments are required for a student to be successful in this course. Participation in activities and class discussion help both the student and teacher know if the concepts are learned. Daily class assignments are posted on the front board. Students should complete all assignments in the time provided in class or should complete all come for help during lunch the same day or after school.

Article Review

Two article reviews are required per quarter. Attached is a page outlining the format for these reviews.

Homework

Homework will be assigned as necessary. Each assignment should take no more than 20 - 30 minutes. Much of this work is practice from class and learning new vocabulary or chemical symbols. It is very important to keep up with homework assignments.

Notebook Check

Notebooks must be kept well organized and will be checked frequently. Organization of the notebook will be explained in further detail in class. You must bring the notebook daily. Composition notebooks are to remain in class and can be used to study for unit test or for writing the Chapter Challenges.

Science Fair Project

All students enrolled in Honors Earth Space Science ***must complete a science fair project***. The science fair project is worth 25% of your third quarter grade. You will be working on this throughout the first two quarters.

Parent Involvement

Parental involvement is an important part of success in this class; please call me for an appointment as soon as possible. I would like to meet or talk to each parent this semester as early as possible.

Grade Recovery/Tutoring

Grade recovery is per district policy.

Any student that does not get at least a 70% on a test/quiz or project is allowed to retake it. When you retake it you can bring your test grade up to a 70%.

Requirements:

- You must come after school for a retake.
- You must complete the retake within one week of getting back the original test.
- You must communicate any need for grade recovery.
- You must finish your grade recovery within deadlines provided or forfeit this opportunity.

Tutoring will be available daily after school Tuesday and Thursday, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm (except on early release days). Please sign up in advance. This schedule is subject to change. Any changes will be communicated.

Make-Up Work

Make-Up work will only be accepted from absent students. If you are in class, you are expected to do what is assigned when it is assigned. Any missed work due to an absence is your responsibility. Tests and project due dates are announced and posted well in advance. If you are absent the class meeting prior to one of these due dates, you are still expected to take the test or turn in the project on the due date.

- You have 1 day to make up your work for every day absent.

- Once the "window of time" has closed to turn in make-up assignments, I will not longer accept them.
- Check the file folder in the front of the room. Assignments are filed by date.

Hall Passes

- 2 emergency passes may be given. They are given at the discretion of the teacher.
- NO pass issued during the first and last 15 minutes of class.
- NO pass issued during third block. Students must wait until lunch. We are in C wing and therefore have second lunch.

Communication

Please contact me at school. I have planning from 9:00 - 10:15. You may also reach me through e-mail as well at keiths@duvalschools.org.

Final Instructions

Once you and your parents have read this document, please sign the attached sheet and return it to class when we meet next. **Place this newsletter in your notebook for the first notebook check. You will receive Bonus Bucks if this is in your notebook.** Please place your name below to keep track of this document.

I am excited about this year! I hope you are too!

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____