Earth Science Course Outline
MR. OLSEN

I am happy to welcome you to Earth Science. My hope is that you will find this course material interesting and beneficial for years to come. The purpose of this course is for students to…

- Gain skills in lab safety, measurement, data collection/interpretation, graphing, and drawing conclusions.
- Be exposed to the vocabulary, technology, and the different laboratory techniques related to the field of earth science.
- Apply science skills and principles to everyday life experiences.

GRADING

Grades will be determined according to the following scale:

- ✓ 30% = Tests / Quizzes
- ✓ 30% = Labs / Activities
- ✓ 40% = Classwork / Homework

TESTS

There will be a test at the end of each chapter that we cover in class. During the test there will be NO talking, sharing of work, or looking at another person's test. If students are found cheating, they will earn a zero for the exam and will not be permitted to take a make-up exam. In addition, their parents will be notified.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be assigned on a regular basis and will include readings from the book, worksheets, and other relevant work. It is important in earth science to keep up to date with the homework, especially the readings, because of the new vocabulary. Homework will be collected at the beginning of the period on the day that it is due. Any assignments submitted after that time will be marked late and will receive half credit. I will only except late homework one day after the original due date. There are only two reasons for late homework to be accepted without penalty:

- ✓ Absence from school – The assignment will be due upon the student's return
- ✓ Family responsibility – Please have a note signed by a parent/guardian explaining why the homework is late

LECTURE
Any lecture that is done in class will follow along with the book. This allows students to refer to the book if they are struggling with the material. Also, I will incorporate labs and hands-on activities to provide a better understanding of the material.

ATTENDANCE
Attendance is required for this course as students will be involved in a number of projects, labs, and activities throughout the year. Two tardies to class will count as an absence. If a student is absent more than 10 times he or she will receive a warning for a loss of credit. If a student exceeds 20 absences, he or she will lose the credit for the course. Students are responsible to see me for any work they miss due to an absence.

EXTRA HELP
Extra help will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursday or by appointment. Students should see me prior to tests or quizzes if they are struggling with the material.

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Student Signature Date

Best Wishes and have fun this school year.

Mr. Olsen