



Regents Earth Science 2023-2024

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This is a Regents Earth Science course. All students enrolled in this class will take the Earth Science Regents exam on **Thursday June 20th**.

Laboratory Requirements

Laboratory work is critical in understanding science concepts. Therefore, prior to admission into the Regents examination, students must have successfully passed 1200 minutes of laboratory experience. **All students must take the Regents examination.**

Class Overview

In this course we will study topics such as Cartography, Geology, Meteorology, and Astronomy. We focus on the interaction of the non-living Earth "spheres", the atmosphere, the lithosphere, and hydrosphere. In addition, we will study the interaction of Earth in space.

Course Materials:

- Pens/Pencils
- Student assigned device (chromebook)
- Headphones that are compatible with the chromebook
- Pocket Folder (durable)
- Notebook
- Non-graphing Calculator

* We will frequently use colored pencils. While we have colored pencils to share with the class some students may prefer to bring their own.

Grading:

- **Assessments: 50%**
 - This includes any tests, quizzes or projects. Students will be given time to study and prepare for these.
- **Labs: 30%**
 - Students must earn 1200 lab minutes to take the Regents exam in June.
 - Make up labs- labs must be made up immediately upon your return to school
- **Homework/Classwork: 20%**
 - This includes homework assignments as well as in class activities.

Quarter/Midterm/ Regents Exam description and grade weight

**These will be subject to change based on the state and district decisions*

- **Marking Period:** Each of the four quarters is worth 21% of your total grade.
- **Midterms:** There will be a cumulative midterm exam given at the midpoint of the year. Dates of these exams will be announced to students with sufficient time to prepare. The Midterm exam counts as 6% of your total grade
- **Regents Exam:** Students will take the Earth Science Regents exam in June. This will count towards 10% of your final grade.

*Please note that if a student misses a regents, this will be factored into their final average as a zero. Students will not be given INC (Incomplete) for regents exams unless they can provide medical documentation excusing their absence.

The 2024 Earth Science Regents will be Thursday June 20th

Student Expectations

- **LATENESS TO CLASS IS UNACCEPTABLE WITHOUT A VALID REASON.** Students who are continually late will receive a contact to their parents and possible administrative referral.
- **ALL CELLPHONES** will be quieted and put away, a wall pouch is provided to store student phones during class. Students should not be retrieving their cell phones to take to the bathroom with them or to wander the halls.
- Students are expected to participate in a positive and constructive manner.
- **Late assignments** will be accepted for a reduced grade at the teacher's discretion. Assignments that are reviewed in class may not be accepted for any credit.

Labs:

- **Conduct:** Lab experiences will include safely following prescribed lab procedures and handling delicate and costly equipment. Students who fail to conduct themselves appropriately will be removed from the lab. Furthermore, a student may be held financially responsible for damage of the equipment through carelessness or misuse.
- **Make-up Labs:** Absences on lab days should be avoided whenever possible. If you are absent, you must make-up that lab **TIME**, copying someone else's data does not qualify as a lab, you must sit for the lab time. Students can come in during their lunch or study hall periods to complete or make up missed/incomplete labs. The lab manual is also available on Google Classroom, so students can complete the labs at home if needed.

- **Incomplete labs will not be accepted.** Labs should be completed at the end of each lab period. However, if a student does not finish within the lab period, they will have one complete lab cycle to turn in their labs without penalty. Unless discussed with the teacher prior, labs turned in after the end of the 4 day lab cycle will not receive a grade higher than a 50%. In order for a lab to be deemed acceptable towards the 1,200 minute requirement, a minimum score of 50% must be earned.
- If you do not meet the 1,200 minute New York State requirement, you will not be able to take the Earth Science Regents exam. You will automatically fail the course and will not be able to attend summer school. You will have to repeat the course the following year.

Attendance:

Attendance is critical to a student's success. If you are absent from school, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed and make up the work. It is expected that you will make arrangements with the teacher to make up missed activities immediately upon return to school

If you are absent on the day of the test, the test will be given the next day that you are present.

Students and parents should make every effort to establish a study routine at home, as students who study regularly and complete assigned work on time are more likely to perform well on exams and experience success in school.

Note to Students: We would like to welcome you to our classroom. We are excited about the opportunity to get to know you and am looking forward to a happy and productive school year. The most important thing is that you always try and do your best. If you are putting forth your best effort we will do everything to help you succeed. If you ever have any questions or concerns please come see us and we will try to help you in any way we can.

Note to Parents: We would also like to welcome you as part of our class community. Please review the information on this sheet with your child, and then sign the attached sheet and have your child return it to us . This will be the first grade in the grade book. Also, please provide any other information you feel is important for us to know. Please check Google Classroom and School Tool regularly to review assignments and grades. If you have any questions please reach out to us.

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We look forward to having a successful year!

Student name

Date

Student signature

Parent/Guardian name

Date

Parent/Guardian signature

Parent/Guardian Phone number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email address: _____

Any other relevant information you would like us to know as we start the school year:
