

Regents Earth Science

2019 - 2020

Ms. Caulfield

COURSE INFORMATION:

Room - 38

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Extra Help - Monday through Thursday until 3PM

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Earth Science is the study of the Earth and its neighbors in space. It is an exciting science with many interesting and practical applications. The three basic areas of Earth Science we will study this year are: geology (the study of rocks, minerals and plate tectonics), meteorology (the study of weather and climate), oceanography (the study of Earth's oceans) and astronomy (the study of the universe). This is a lab-oriented course that follows the New York State Standards for Regents Earth Science. There will be an emphasis on observation, investigation and collecting and analyzing data within the labs. All **eligible** students will take the Physical Setting/Earth Science Regents Examination in June 2020.



SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- 2 - 3 inch binder with loose leaf paper
- Earth Science folder
- pens and pencils (only pencils for labs)

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:

- Be *Prompt* - be on time, lateness will not be tolerated (3 tardies = 1 absence)
- Be *Prepared* - come to class with the required materials and assignments
- Be *Polite* - respect yourself, each other, our differences, and all school property
- Be *Productive* - come to class curious, enthusiastic and with a good attitude
- Be *Present* - this means **NO CELL PHONES**. Cell phones should not be used at all during class time. If cell phone use becomes an issue in the classroom, students will be required to place their phones in designated pockets hanging on the wall by the door. Cell phone use in class will result in after school detention with me.

HOMEWORK & ATTENDANCE POLICY :

- Students can expect homework assignments regularly. Homework will always be given a specific due date and late homework assignments will not receive full credit. All homework assignments must be 100% complete to be accepted.
- If a student is absent from class, the student is responsible for obtaining the work they missed. Please ask a friend, check the classroom folder, or visit the course website/calendar to obtain missing homework assignments and information. Students will be given three days to complete work after an absence to receive full credit.
- **You must be present for 85% of the school year.** If you miss more than 15% of the school year (27 absences) you will not be eligible to take the NYS Regents Exam in June.

LAB POLICY:

- **You must complete 1200 minutes of laboratory instruction.** Earth Science is a lab-based course! Students may work together to use lab equipment, make observations, collect data, and form conclusions. However, the written report should reflect your OWN thinking, effort and language! Late labs will be accepted, but **there will be a grade penalty for lateness.** Students who do not complete 1200 minutes of laboratory instruction will not be eligible to sit for the NYS Regents Exam in June.

GRADING POLICY:

Your quarterly grade will be recorded in eSchool and determined by the follow system:

- 40% Tests & Projects
- 30% Labs
- 10% Quizzes
- 10% Homework
- 10% Classwork & Participation

BONUS POINTS:

Each quarter, you will have the opportunity to boost your quarterly average by 3 points!

- 1 point - all labs for the quarter are completed and submitted
- 1 point - all labs for the quarter have final passing grades
- 1 point - all weekly sheets for the quarter are completed and submitted

EXTRA HELP:

Students are expected and encouraged to come see me if you need help with class work, labs, homework, and/or studying. Extra help will be offered Monday through Thursday in Room 38 until 3:00PM. If you are not able to come for extra help but would like to meet with me, speak with me so we can schedule something else!g

MANDATORY EXTRA HELP:

If you are told to come to mandatory extra help, you are expected to stay after school in Room 38 from 2:15 until 3:00. If you have a conflict, it is up to you to reschedule a time with me in the same week. Students who do not attend mandatory extra help and fail to speak to me about rescheduling will receive detention.

After you have reviewed this syllabus with your parents/guardians, please keep it in the front of your Earth Science Binder as a reminder of what is expected from you this year. Thank you! I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to the start of a new year at Hampton Bays High School! Please review the attached expectations for this course and return this sheet to me by the end of the first week of school (September 6th, 2019). I am excited to work with you and your child, and I am looking forward to an exciting and enjoyable new year ahead. If you need to contact me for any reason please feel free to email me at ecaulfield@hbschools.us

Student's Name _____ (Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Name _____ (Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Work Phone Number: _____

Email: _____