

# *Earth and Environmental Science*

(2018-2019)

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## **Teacher Information:**

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## **Available for Conference:**

During Planning Period 11:00-12:00pm  
Monday-Thursday (afterschool by appointment only)

## **Course Overview**

The Earth and Environmental science curriculum focuses on the function of Earth's systems. Emphasis is placed on matter, energy, plate tectonics, origin and evolution of the earth and solar system, environmental awareness, materials availability, and the cycles that circulate energy and material through the earth system. Through active learning, students will be introduced to the fundamental concepts of earth & environmental science.

## **Course Materials**

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| ✚ Pens –( blue/black), pencils and highlighters | ✚ Envelopes for storing vocabulary cards and foldables |
| ✚ Spiral notebook                               | ✚ Glue stick   |
| ✚ 3-ring binders and paper                      | ✚ Scissors   |

## **Course Grading and Evaluation**

Your grades will be based on a variety of activities, projects, writing/homework assignments, and assessments. The grading will be weighted as follows:

- ✚ 70% Tests/Labs/Projects
- ✚ 30% Homework/Class work/Participation/Warm-ups
- ✚ \*The midterm will count for 20% of the third quarter grade and the final exam will count for 20% of the final grade.\*
- ✚ Students will be issued 2 progress reports per quarter, and current grades will be posted weekly. Certainly, I encourage all students to keep track their grades to ensure academic success; please inform me if you and problems or concerns.

## **Make-up/Late Work/Extra Credit**

\*\*\* LATE WORK: All assignments will receive 5pt deductions for each day they are late.

If you miss class for any reason it is **your responsibility to find out what you missed and receive your make-up assignments**. Students have two days following an absence to make arrangements to make up work. Students have **two days** following an absence to make arrangements to make up work (if not arranged within two days student credit will **not** be giving). However, students who miss class due to an excused absence will have five school days to turn in a missing assignment before they start losing credit.

## Extra Credit

Opportunities may occur periodically at the end of a grading period to earn extra bonus points (to raise your grade 1-2%) – they are usually project-oriented.

## Grading Scale:

90 - 100 A  
80 - 89 B  
70 - 79 C  
60 - 69 D  
59 or below F

## Classroom Protocol

### The Taylor Rules:

- ✚ **Respect** all (Mrs. Taylor...teachers, fellow students..), belongings, and our school.
- ✚ Be present and **prepared** at all times during class.
- ✚ Remain **quietly** in your seat and actively learning unless otherwise instructed.
- ✚ **No** food, drinks or hats/hoods during class unless permitted.
- ✚ **No cell phone** usage during class unless permitted.
- ✚ **No profanity** nor inappropriate language of any sort....at **ALL** times.

### Rewards may include:

- ✚ A Positive Post-It Note of Praise
- ✚ “Taylor Tickets” — Classroom tickets you can use to exchange for homework passes, treat (candy, chips...).
- ✚ Phone call home to tell your family how truly great you’ve been in class
- ✚ Student of the Week: The Truly Great Award

### Consequences may include:

- ✚ Verbal warning
- ✚ Loss of points from participation grade
- ✚ Isolation/removal from class
- ✚ Call home/parent conference
- ✚ Referral to administrator
- ✚ Any serious infraction may result in seat being moved to exclude student from others or student may be removed from class completely to visit an administrator.

## Daily Schedule

- ✚ Warm-up
- ✚ Review from previous day
- ✚ Notes, videos, activities
- ✚ Group Work
- ✚ Individual coursework
- ✚ Exit Ticket/Cool-down before you leave.

*I am so excited to be your science teacher this year, for I anticipate the upcoming fun activities of learning. Surely, I am proud to be at Harding University High and look forward to an accomplishing year with you. I care about you, and I want you to know that I promise to do everything possible to ensure your success. Please feel free to contact me via phone call, text message or email if there's anything I can do to help you succeed during your time in my class. — Mrs. Taylor*

