

# Regents Earth Science Course Syllabus

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## Course Curriculum

The Regents Earth Science curriculum is rigorous and fast-paced. You will investigate topics in several scientific fields with an emphasis on geology, meteorology, and astronomy. You will also realize the role you play as a member of society in balancing human wants and needs with long-term concerns about our planet and its resources.

## Required Materials

- ✓ The following is a list of materials needed for every class unless otherwise specified:
  - ✓ 3-ring binder (minimum 2" size)
  - ✓ pens or pencils
  - ✓ textbook
  - ✓ Earth Science Reference Tables (supplied by teacher)

## Grade Components

Tests/Quizzes	60%
Laboratories	25%
Homework	15%

## Quizzes/Tests

Tests will occur at the end of units and will normally contain a variety of short and longer response questions that will assess your overall knowledge of the concepts studied as well as how well you can apply those concepts. The unit tests will at least partially model past Regents Examinations. Extensive practice on past Regents Examinations will be the norm throughout the year.

## **Laboratories**

The final grade for the course will partially include the Earth Science Regents Examination. To be eligible to take this examination, you must successfully complete a minimum of 30 laboratories totaling 1200 minutes that you will keep on file in the classroom. Organization and timely completion of the laboratories must be a priority in order to meet this requirement.

## **Homework**

Homework is usually assigned daily. You are responsible for collecting and completing assignments missed due to absences. Assignments that were due on the first day of your absence are due the first day you are back in class. You are expected to accurately record daily assignments and keep your binder organized in order to fully complete assignments.

## **Article Investigations**

Throughout the year we will be critically reading and discussing scientific articles. While all students will be responsible for understanding and being able to discuss the content of each article, different students will serve as lead facilitators for each article. More detailed information and expectations about these discussions are forthcoming.

## **Attendance**

Attendance is mandatory. This course is rigorous and any time spent out of class will negatively affect your comprehension of the material.

## **Teacher Contact**

Open and consistent communication among students, teachers, and parents is a priority. I encourage you and your parents to regularly assess your progress and contact me if needed.

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