

DeLand High School  
Honors Earth and Space Science  
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### **Class Expectations**

- You are expected to attend class regularly and on time.
- You will maintain an interactive notebook. The notebook should be a composition notebook. The majority of assignments, class work, and labs will be maintained in the notebook. The notebook is designed to improve overall comprehension of course content. This notebook must be brought to class every day.
- You will be required at times to utilize a class set of textbooks. See me if you would like to take advantage of an online option available.
- You will be responsible for any work missed. If you miss a lecture, notes, or any other assignment, it is your responsibility to ask a classmate for the missed work.

### **Grading and Absentee Policies**

- All assignments, class work, quizzes, and tests are graded with a specific point value. Overall grade in class is determined by dividing the total points received by the total points possible. The Volusia County grade scale will be used in determining your letter grade.
- All assignments are due on the scheduled date. Under no circumstance will I accept late work beyond the due date. As an Honors student, you have added responsibilities to adhere to.
- School absentee policy: One day for each day absent when an excuse note is presented to the teacher within two days of the students' return. Students who do not present an excuse note are still entitled to the make-up work, but can be penalized. It is the students' responsibility to get the work missed.
- To help students monitor their academic progress, grades will be posted and updated weekly on pinnacle/gradebook.

### **Labs**

- Depending on the topic being covered, labs may be conducted. Unsafe behavior in the lab will not be tolerated in any way, as accidents can occur. If a student demonstrates any unsafe behavior, a zero will be given for that lab, and the student will lose lab privileges for the rest of the year. Alternative assignments will have to be completed. Also, if proper lab attire (closed toed shoes) is not worn on the day of labs, the student will not be able to attend lab and will have to complete an alternative assignment. **It is the basic responsibility of everyone in the lab to make lab safety an ongoing commitment.**

### **Testing**

- Unit exams, which usually cover a single topic, will be given at the end of each section covered in class.
- If a student is absent on the day of a test or quiz, that student will have exactly one school week (**5 school days**) to make up that test or quiz from the day that he or she returns to class. The student will have to make up the test or quiz on his or her own time, meaning either before school or after school, and the test **MUST BE** taken in its entirety at one sitting. Class time will not be given to complete make-up assignments.

**\*\*According to district policy, it is the responsibility of the student to obtain and complete any assignments that are missing as the result of an absence.**

- Exceptions will be made for students who are absent for extended periods of time (more than one week).

**\*\*If you skip class on the day of a test or quiz, you will automatically receive a 0 (zero) for that test or quiz (this goes for any assignment). IF YOU SKIP THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UPS!!!\*\***

**\*\*The same goes for cheating...If you are caught cheating on a quiz or test, you will automatically receive a 0 (zero) for that test or quiz!! There will be NO MAKE UPS & THE ZERO WILL REMAIN!!!\*\***

### **Class Rules**

- These are listed on the Classroom Rules handout that all parents and students will sign.

### **Discipline Procedures**

- All discipline procedures are also listed in the Classroom Rules handout. All district and school policies will be followed.

### **Materials Needed:**

- Pencils (mechanical pencils are preferred)
- Pens (only blue or black)
- Composition notebook
- Loose leaf paper
- Calculator (on occasion)

### **Major Units:**

- Nature of Science
- Earth's Layers
- Plate Tectonics
- Earth as a System

- The Ocean
- Weather and Climate
- Weathering, Erosion, and Deposition
- Origin of the Universe
- Stars
- Solar System
- Space Exploration
- Geologic Time

**Methods of Assessment:**

*Summative – 60%* (tests, quizzes, formal lab write ups, some projects)

*Formative –40%* (warm-ups, class work, homework)

**Grading Scale:**

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
0-59	F

***Please take the opportunity to review this syllabus with your parent(s) or guardian(s). You WILL be held accountable for the information.***

**To the Parents/Guardians:**

I am excited to have the opportunity to teach your child this year. This class is truly rewarding for the insight it gives a young person on life and the world around him or her. You will have access to your child's grades online, anytime, by accessing Volusia County's Gradebook program. If you need assistance in setting up the account, please contact the school. Using this program will allow you to keep track of your child's attendance and grades, along with a lot of other pertinent information. Please feel free to contact me at any time. You can always expect a timely response. I look forward to getting to know you and your child this year.

Mr. Keuten

*Parents and Guardians, please sign below and provide the **best** means of contact...*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_