

American Fork High School  
Course Disclosure: Earth Systems (2015-16)  
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### Course Description:

Welcome future Planeteers to year of Earth Science! Throughout this course this school year, you will be engaging in several expeditions that will help you better understand the dynamic forces that have created the Universe and shaped our home, planet earth. Each day you'll explore many discoveries in the fields of astronomy, geology, oceanography, meteorology, and many other sciences. Because Earth Science is a class that deals with practical aspects of our environment, you will be challenged to form opinions about issues that are affecting our planet and seek out possible solutions to those problems. It's going to be a lot of fun!

### Behavior Expectations:

#### My 3 Rules:

- 1) *"To boldly go where no [one] else has gone before!" –Star Trek*  
Students should learn something every day, and do more than minimum.
- 2) *"With great power comes great responsibility." – Uncle Ben/Spider-man*  
Lab equipment and other class resources are a privilege and are to be used with great responsibility and care.
- 3) *"Something here doesn't make sense. Let's go and poke it with a stick." –Doctor Who*  
The nature of science is key to gain understanding through confusing material. Students will never give up and will always pursue their curious mind.

#### Other Rules

- **HALL PASSES:** Hall passes are meant for emergencies only! Use the bathroom and get a drink between classes. If you must leave the room, let me know in private.
- **CHEATING:** DON'T DO IT! I will do whatever I can to help you pass this class. But if I catch you cheating, I have no choice but to give you a zero on the test/quiz/assignment.
- **PLAGIARISM:** Google is a great tool, especially finding exact phrases, don't reword or copy other's work. I will find it. Use your source to obtain facts and then reference them.
- **ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** Phones are great tools and we will use them as tools. Any other use of the phones is prohibited. Don't text your friends. Don't play games.

### Tardy Policy:

A tardy log will be next to the door that those who are tardy (not you of course) will sign in the time and your name then clip a note to it if you have one.

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### Late Work/Makeup Work:

I want every student to succeed, but any late work will have 20% deducted from it. To receive full points for late work, you must submit a form (excuse sheet) that I will provide on the due date that you will fill out for me explaining why you don't have it done, etc.

Makeup homework is accepted, but a form will need to be filled out to turn it in, similar to the late work excuse sheet. Makeup labs will consist of a report/presentation on a related topic from the news or other source approved by me first.

### Grading:

Grades are **earned** by students, not given by teachers. Grades are based on a student's **performance and effort**. By definition a letter grade of 'C' indicates mediocre. An 'A' indicates exceptional concept mastery and work ethic. Getting an 'A' in this class is very straightforward. Learn the material and show me that you understand it. "Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Until your good is better and better is best." – St. Jerome

<b>Not So Good</b>	<b>Good...ish</b>	<b>Better</b>	<b>Best!</b>
D+ = 69-66 D = 65-63 D- = 62-60 F = 59-lower	C+ = 79-76 C = 75-73 C- = 72-70	<b>B+ = 89-86</b> <b>B = 85-83</b> <b>B- = 82-80</b>	<b>A = 100-93</b> <b>A- = 92-90</b>

### Grade Breakdown

<b>Unit Assessments</b>	<b>= 30%</b>
<b>Labs</b>	<b>= 40%</b>
<b>Bellringers</b>	<b>= 25%</b>
<b>Participation</b>	<b>= 5%</b>

\*There is no extra credit. Remember, I accept all late/makeup work one week before the end of the term, that's how you can save your grade.

### ATTENDANCE POLICY, DRESS CODE, & DISCRIMINATION

I fully support the AFHS Attendance and Tardy Policy and all other school policies. Along with this policy I will have a log next to the door for those that come in late. If for any crazy reason you were to come late to class (highly unlikely) you will write your name, the date, and time on the log and slip your late note in the drop box.

If you miss any of our classes, do not ask me if we did anything important, we cover something important every day!! Ask me what you can do to make up that work instead.

For further information on the AFHS Attendance and Tardy Policies, go to the AFHS homepage under the School Information tab.