



Environmental Science Spring 2021



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Welcome to Environmental Science! This year you will learn standards associated with the following units of study:

1. Ecology
2. Energy
Renewable & Nonrenewable
3. Human Impact
Land & Agriculture
Water & Air (climate change)
4. Human Populations & Innovation

Textbook: Environmental Science: A Study of Interrelationships textbook in class.
Online textbooks will also be available for student use.

I. Materials:

3 ring binder, dividers, loose-leaf paper, Journal (spiral notebook or composition notebook), black or blue pens, pencils, colored pencils, glue stick, ruler, basic calculator

II. Course Description:

We will explore the environment and how it affects our lives in this challenging course. Please refer to the blog for access to course information, power point presentations, and handouts daily. I prefer e-mail as a contact method when appropriate.

III. Grades: Your grade will be determined on a percentage system. The percentages will be as follows:

- Tests 30%
- Labs and Projects 35%
- Daily work / HW 15%
- Quizzes 10%
- Final 10%

IV. Late work:

All assignments are expected to be turned in on time. Late assignments will be given a max grade of 50% credit, if turned in 5-10 days after the due date. Assignments turned in 10 + days after the due date will be given a max grade of 30% credit. No assignments will be accepted after 4 weeks of the due date.

Remember it is your responsibility to obtain any missed assignments or notes—check CTLS, the blog at [MEEKS SCIENCE SITE - BLOG](#) , call a friend or e-mail me for details. Tests are announced in advance, so each student can prepare. Study every day to avoid last minute cramming! Make-up tests will be given virtually during the Wednesday Session.

V. WEDNESDAY INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT DAY

Wednesday's are not a day off from learning. If you have a 75 or lower average or you have absent and have missed test or class instruction, you will be asked by your teacher to attend the Wednesday Virtual Session. In addition, you will have a homework assignment to complete on Wednesday's. Even if you are passing and need help from the teacher, you will also be able to attend the Wednesday Virtual Session.

VI. AFTER SCHOOL HELP:

For any questions or problems, please see me as soon as possible. I am available in my classroom most Monday and Thursday mornings from 7:45-8:15 A.M. I will do my best to let you know of any conflicts, but unexpected meetings do arise, if possible, please let me know in advance that you would like to come for extra help. Hillgrove offers a tutoring program in all subjects after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is your responsibility to seek tutoring if needed.

VII. Grading Scale:

| Grading Scale | Summative Assessments: | Formative Assessments: |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| A = 100 – 90 | Exams | Homework |
| B = 89 – 80 | Labs | Journals |
| C = 79 – 74 | Quizzes | Essays |
| D = 73 - 70 | Projects | Class Work |
| F = 69 & below | Notebook checks | Warm Ups/Ticket out the Door |

VIII. Grading Information:

- A.) **Labs:** Laboratory experiments will be performed during class. The lab grade consists of participation and lab reports/write-ups. The lab report format/guidelines will be discussed in class.
- B.) **Projects:** Students will be assigned various projects throughout the year. Most of these projects will be done during class, however some will require work outside of class. Types of projects may include research, reading, models, and experiments. Students will be provided with a rubric for each project when the assignment is given.
- C.) **Activity logs (possibly):** For each unit studied, students will be assigned activities to complete, such as labs, worksheets, quizzes and warm-ups. Completion of these activities will then be recorded on an activity log. The day after the test, the activity log will be collected and assigned a grade.

Discipline:

Students failing to abide by any of the general class rules above are subject to the discipline policy below as well as disciplinary action in accordance with the Hillgrove High School student handbook.

Discipline Policy

- 1st offense - Verbal warning
- 2nd offense - Teacher detention & parent contact
- 3rd offense - Administrative referral

Additional offenses will be considered an act of insubordination.

If you are assigned a detention for any reason, you will be scheduled a time and date to serve. If you are unable to make that date and time, you must reschedule to serve your detention within ONE week from the date assigned.

NOTE: Any of these above steps can be taken at any time, and some behaviors may require a seat change, relocation to another room, or immediate referral.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ❖ **Respect!** Students are expected to respect their fellow students, the equipment and materials in the room, and me. One person speaks while others listen, and hands are raised for recognition.
- ❖ **Be on time!** When the bell rings, students need to be in their seats and working on the warm-up assignment.
- ❖ **Be organized and prepared!** Students are not going to be allowed to return to their locker during the class period so make sure he/she has everything with him/her. For every class period he/she will need a pen and pencil, three-ring binder with loose-leaf paper, colored pencils and his/her book as needed.
- ❖ **No food, drinks or gum** are allowed in the room. This is a scientific laboratory where dissections occur, organisms are examined, and chemicals are mixed.

If you have any questions or concerns about the class, please contact me in writing via your child or email and I will contact you as soon as I can. Email is the best way to get to keep in touch with me.