

**VL EARTH SYSTEMS SYLLABUS Fall 2020**

HILLGROVE HIGH SCHOOL

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**Class Website**: CTLS Platform

Earth Systems is the branch of science that is the study of the composition of the Earth, its changes, and how these changes affect our lives. Earth Systems is a multifaceted course that requires good study habits and a willingness to work hard, but I am confident you will be successful this semester. I want and expect each of you to succeed. The topics we will be covering in this introductory class are:

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| * Unit 1 Introduction to Earth Systems * Unit 2 Atmosphere & Meteorology * Unit 3 Landscape Changes | * Unit 4 Minerals, Rocks, and Rock Cycle * Unit 5 Plate Tectonics, Earthquakes, and Landforms * Unit 6 Geologic Time |
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**GRADING PROCEDURES**

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| **Weighted Category** | **Percent of Grade** |
| * Tests / Quizzes\*\* * Classwork/Homework/Mini Lab * Final\*\* | 50%  40%  10% |

**\*\***Announced in advance; All tests are cumulative.

**\*\*** Final Exam will be administered at the end of the course

**Supply List:**

Electronic Device Pencils Pens Notebook Paper

Scientific Calculator Colored Pencils Highlighter

Scissors Glue Stick Index Cards

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| **Cobb County**  **Grading Scale**  A → 90%-100%  B → 80%-89%  C → 74%-79%  D→ 70%-73%  F → 69% or below | **Synergy Gradebook**  It is recommended that all parents check Synergy on a weekly basis.  Synergy access information can be obtained from the Hillgrove Counseling Office. Tasks will be graded as they are assigned in CTLS. Grades will be entered into Synergy. Students should take ownership for their grades & as such should be the first to address any grade issues with the instructor. |
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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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| **Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday** | | **Wednesday** | |
| **8:00-9:10** | **1st Period** | **8:00-8:45** | **1st Period** |
| **9:10-9:20** | **Break** | **8:50-9:35** | **2nd Period** |
| **9:20-10:30** | **2nd Period** | **9:35-9:55** | **Break** |
| **10:30-10:40** | **Break** | **9:55-10:40** | **3rd Period** |
| **10:40-11:50** | **3rd Period** | **10:45-11:30** | **4th Period** |
| **11:50-12:20** | **Lunch** |  | |
| **12:20-1:30** | **4th Period** |
| **1:30-3:30** | **Student Independent**  **Work** |

**CLASS PROCEDURES AND EXPECTATIONS:**

**The Virtual Classroom**

1. Be Present- Alert, Dressed, Camera on, Microphone off, Ready to actively engage
2. Be Punctual- Logged in on time
3. Be Focused- Minimize Distractions around you, Headphones with mic work well
4. Be Prepared- Have materials out and ready. Homework completed.
5. Be Polite- Respect teacher and other classmates. Remember this is a classroom even if its virtual. (No Bullying)
6. Be Positive- Come with a great attitude, Work hard, Find enjoyment in learning, Ask questions, Be involved
7. Be Honest- Maintain Academic Integrity (No Cheating Zone)

**Daily Schedule**

**Synchronous Time: (~ 30min)**

Attendance Check In / Do Now Activity / Lesson Presentation

**Asynchronous Time: (~ 35min)**

Independent Study and Practice Time

**Synchronous Time: (~5 min)**

Closing / Share-Out

**Asynchronous Time: (~30 min):**

Homework

**TESTS AND QUIZZES:**

Tests and quizzes are always announced in advance. Test and Quizzes will be taken through the CTLS Platform. **Make-up tests and quizzes will be given by appointment on Wednesday during the Instructional Support Day.**

**Responding to questions**

I will ask a question, wait a few seconds, and look to see who has raised their virtual hand on the Live Session. I will then call on the student to unmute their mic and answer the question.

**Getting focused/giving me your attention**

I will ring my bell once. Stop what you are doing, *look directly at me* and give me your attention. Once I have made eye contact with everyone on camera, I will begin speaking.

**When you are Absent**

Check the CTLS platform for announcements and reach out to the teacher as soon as possible.

**Assignments**

All assignments will be posted daily on the CTLS platform. Check the weekly calendar to find out what assignments are posted.

**DO NOWs or Warm-Ups**

The DO NOWs are an important part of this class. Earth System concepts builds on itself, so it is important to reinforce many topics throughout the semester. The DO NOWs are meant to help you! It is not meant to be a punishment. Students who take the DO NOW’s seriously, do statistically better on all tests, quizzes, and finals than the ones who don’t.

**Labs**

In this course, you will be doing virtual labs or at home activities.

**EXTRA HELP**

The teacher’s office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Instructional Support Day is set-up on Wednesdays. The teacher will set-up an assigned time for small group help sessions. During the help sessions students will have the opportunity to gain help on topics that they are having difficulty with. Wednesdays are also to be used for make-up test or quiz day.

***Earth Syllabus Signature Form***

Go to the CTLS platform and click on the link to the Form document where you will complete by Friday 21, 2020.