



# LAGUNA CREEK HIGH SCHOOL ASTRONOMY COURSE SYLLABUS

2018-2019

“Building Excellence in ALL”

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**Course Description:** Astronomy is a course that studies everything beyond our Earth. We will be diving into topics that deal with ancient astronomy, evidence of the Big Bang, worlds beyond ours, and the composition of our own solar system.

**Text and Other Materials:** This course does not have an assigned textbook. Materials for all units include labs, magazines, newspapers, videos, the Internet, and our own classroom resources. Videos throughout the year come from such sources as NOVA, The Science Channel, Discovery Channel, National Geographic, and the Learning Channel.

### **Classroom Supplies:**

In order to be successful in the classroom it is suggested that students have the following supplies:

- **\*\*Composition Notebook\*\* College Ruled** (100 page) – Due Thursday (8/23)
- A pen or pencil for daily use
- **TAPE** or Glue Stick
- Highlighter

### **Our Classroom Rules**

1. *Respect* yourself, your peers, your teacher and your surroundings.
2. Raise your hand *silently* to speak.
3. Follow all directions quickly the *first* time they are given.
4. Be Cardinal R.E.D.

Basic Classroom Policies include but are not limited to the following:

**Please be on time.** Class begins when the bell rings.

**Please come prepared to learn.** You are expected to come to class ready to learn with a writing utensil, book, paper and any assignments given, and above all, a positive attitude towards learning.

No food or drinks are allowed. Water may be consumed only with teacher permission and not at a lab station during laboratories. This is for your own safety and the safety of others. This classroom is a designated laboratory.

Please remove all hoods and earbuds prior to entering the classroom. This includes using classroom outlets to charge electronics. The campus administration gives students generous opportunities to use electronics outside of the classroom.

Bathroom breaks will not be given during the first or last fifteen minutes of class. You will be given 8 passes per semester. Please use your passing time wisely prior to coming to class. If you must leave the classroom to go to the restroom you must have a bathroom pass and you must return in a timely manner. Failure to do so will result in losing your privilege to leave the room.



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- **Observe laboratory safety at all times.** You will be expected to strictly follow any special instructions and/or precautions that may apply to any lab activity. Failure to comply with any safety guidelines will result in immediate dismissal from the classroom without a warning previously given. If removed from the laboratory environment, student will not be allowed to make-up the lab, and will be given an alternative assignment. Please reference Safety Contract.

### Cheating

Cheating includes, but is not limited to: 1) possessing unauthorized notes or devices during a quiz or exam; 2) submitting another person's work as your own; 3) copying from another student or the internet; 4) communicating with another person during a quiz or exam; 5) forging data, the instructor's signature, grades, or marks; 6) helping another student cheat; 7) using any source of information (electronic, paper, etc.) other than your own brain during an exam. **You must hand in your exam as completed before leaving the room for any reason during exam time.** You can find a brief, specific article on plagiarism from UC Davis at <http://sja.ucdavis.edu/files/plagiarism.pdf>.

**Group Work Expectations:** We expect that all students participate and contribute fully during group work. Even though students are working together in groups, the expectation is for written portions of all assignments to be completed *individually*. It is considered cheating if you share or copy work from group members or anyone else in the class. Your work must always be your own work.

Consequences for cheating will be as outlined in your LCHS Student Handbook. A description of 1<sup>st</sup> offense consequences is detailed below. Refer to the handbook for further information.

**“1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** If a Laguna Creek High School student violates the “Academic Honesty” Policy, s/he will receive a zero for the entire assignment or test, his or her parents will be notified by the teacher, and an academic dishonesty notation will be made in the student's SISWEB record. Other consequences as noted below could apply to any violation.”

**Discipline Policy:** Consequence for misbehavior include, but are not limited to, the following actions: verbal warning, temporarily removed from class, referral to On Campus Support (OCS), parental contact, referral to administration which may lead to suspension or expulsion.

### Grading Guidelines:

- Grades will be weighted as follows:
  - Notebooks/Classwork - 60%
  - Test/Projects – 40%
- **Late work** will be accepted for **FULL** credit up until the test. After the test no assignment will be accepted.
- Extra credit is given to the class as a whole when available. No special assignments will be created for individual students.
- No grades will be changed for any assignment one week after it is entered into the grade book.
- Academic cheating: Any work found to be copied or plagiarized will receive a zero and students will not be allowed to make up the assignment for credit. All parties involved in cheating will receive a zero on the assignment. NEVER let someone copy your hard work!!



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**Absent Work Policy:** Absent work policy is in accordance to the LCHS Student Handbook.

“Nothing can replace the learning experiences that take place in the classroom during the school day. Therefore, it is imperative that students attend class every day. In those instances when students have state-approved excused absences, they may collect missed assignments or an alternative assignment from their teacher. **[The number of days of your extension is equal to the length of your excused absence.]** In addition, the use of School Loop can assist students in keeping up-to-date. When an absence is more than three full school days, a request may be made by the student or parent through the Counseling Office, 683-3123. Please allow 24 to 48 hours for teachers to answer such requests. Makeup work or alternative assignments for students who are suspended, truant, or whose absences are unexcused will be at the teacher’s discretion.”

“Students who have unverified absences past the five (5) days will be considered truant from those respective classes. Teachers are **not** required to provide students the opportunity to make up missed assignments/tests due to **unexcused** absences or late arrivals, or unverified absences or late arrivals.”

1. Go to the “Absent Work Binder” located at the front table.
2. Find the file corresponding to the day you were absent.
3. Sign up on the clipboard to schedule a time to make up any missed assessments or activities.
  - You only have ONE WEEK to make them up or you will receive a zero (0).
5. Update your Agenda and Picture of the Day. You cannot write “absent” and receive credit.

**OR**

There will be a Google classroom available for all students to access all missing work.

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**Please sign and return this portion of the syllabus. Your signature on this form signifies that you have read and agree with everything on this syllabus.**

**Printed** Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Period \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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