

Earth Science Syllabus

Course Information

This course is for students enrolled with Greenville County Schools alternative programs. Course content can be accessed through classroom.google.com (Google Classroom) using your assigned district login. The teacher will visit students face-to-face once a week to help students complete assignments in person.

Instructor Information

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Textbook and Software

Text: Krumhansl, Ruth. EDC Earth Science. Education Development Center, 2022.

Software and Internet Resources:

- Web Browser (Chrome recommended)
- Google Classroom
- Explore Learning (Gizmos)
- Pivot Interactives
- BrainPOP
- Lab-Aid

Course Description

Earth Science is designed to serve as an extension of other required high school science courses. The curriculum is divided into six standard areas: Hydrosphere, Atmosphere and Climate, Earth's Place in the Universe, Plate Tectonics, Rock Cycle, and Earth's Resources. A large portion of the lessons require a fair amount of reading. You should work on improving your reading fluency and comprehension skills while preparing for each quiz. This is a lab science course, so you will be expected to do labs. [Link to Weekly Planner](#). [Link to SC Course Standards](#).

Student Participation

You are expected to participate in the activities your teacher prepares for you online and in person. If you are struggling to understand or complete your assignments, please ask a teacher for help. Do your own work and do not copy from the Internet or other students. Students caught cheating will receive a zero for the assignment and the administration of the school and the facility will be notified. In order to succeed and receive credit for the course, you must make an effort to complete all assignments and do your best. [Link to Classroom Guidelines and Rules](#).

Redoing Assignments

It is your responsibility to prepare for and do your best on each assignment on the first attempt. If you are not successful on an assignment, you may request to redo the assignment. Your grade for the assignment will be the average of the first and second attempts. You may not have more than two attempts on any one assignment.

Grading

Your grades will be maintained on a regular basis and posted in the district grading system. You can check your grades by logging in with your district account at gcsbackpack.com. Contact me if you have questions about your grade.

Quarter Grades:

Major Grades: 60%

- Long Activities
- Labs / Gizmos

Minor Grades: 40%

- Short Activities
- Reading Quizzes

Final Grade:

First Quarter (Q1) = 45%

Second Quarter (Q2) = 45%

Final Exam (E1/E2) = 10%

Grade Scale:

A = 100-90%

B = 89-80%

C = 79-70%

D = 69-60%

F = 59% or below