

Introduction & Course Outline

Welcome to Honors Earth and Environmental science! My name is Ms. O’Neal and I will be your teacher this semester. Earth and Environmental science is the study of Earth’s structure, properties, processes, and environmental effects. During this semester, we will explore a variety of topics including, but not limited to, meteorology, ecology, astronomy, geology, hydrology, and oceanography. Please feel free to contact me (morgan.oneal@nhcs.net) with any questions or concerns you might have during the semester. You may also reach me at 910-350-2072 ext. 72349. Email is the most efficient way to communicate with me due to ease of access during the school day.

Grading Policy

- 50% – Tests and Projects
- 25% – Quizzes
- 25% – Classwork

Scan this QR code for
Ms. O’Neal’s class website!



When class time is made available for students to complete assignments, students are expected to work diligently and purposefully. Homework is rarely assigned unless necessary, but students should be reviewing class material and studying regularly at home to prepare for tests and quizzes. When due dates are set, students are expected to turn in their work at that time. Failure to do so will result in a ten-point deduction from the assignment grade for each day the assignment is late. Progress reports and report cards will be issued as noted on the NHCS calendar, and students have access to their grades which are updated weekly. If there is an issue with grades, please send me an email immediately.

Required Materials

The following materials must be brought to class each day: unit booklet (provided by Ms. O’Neal), laptop and charger, pencils, and a folder with pockets. Optional materials include colored pencils, scissors, and a glue stick. There will be communal classroom supplies available, but students are encouraged to bring their own materials if they would like.

Classroom Guidelines

- Students will abide by and follow all classroom and schoolwide rules, policies, and procedures.
- Students will be in the classroom and seated before the tardy bell rings.
- Students participate actively and appropriately by respecting others and their property.

Cell Phone & Wireless Communication Policy

To be in compliance with state law, phones, headphones, smart watches, and other wireless communication devices are strictly prohibited from being used during instructional time. Phones are collected at the beginning of each class. Failure to comply with this policy the first time is a warning. The second violation will result in administrative confiscation of the device. Repeated violations may include parent conferences or loss of device privileges during school hours.

Attendance and Tardies

The attendance policy can be found on Hoggard’s website. When teachers mark absences they are entered as unexcused. Teachers do not have the ability to mark student absences as excused. Excused absences are marked as such through the front office with a note. In order to maximize class time, students should report to class on time. A student will be considered tardy if they are not in the classroom when the tardy bell rings. Students may have up to 3 unexcused tardies. 4 tardies or more result in consequences per the Dean of Students.

Restroom Privileges

Each student will be allowed 4 bathroom passes per month. Students with doctor’s notes are exempt from this policy. Individual concerns regarding this policy can be discussed with the teacher. Incentives are given to encourage students to prepare for class ahead of time and to return to class in a minimum amount of time when using the restroom. Bonus points may be given for unused bathroom passes with the teacher’s discretion. Students who are out for longer than 5 minutes or go to an unauthorized location will be written up for cutting class. It is important for students to remain in class during instructional time in order to be successful.

Testing Procedure

Test dates will be announced in advance by Ms. O’Neal in class (written on the white board and daily slides) and will be available on the class Planbook. Students will be given time to review in class but are expected to study at home. Test corrections will be allowed only after the first test. Tests will not be curved unless deemed necessary by Ms. O’Neal. Retakes are not allowed unless an instance of cheating occurs. Cheating will result in a 0 until the test is retaken, parent contact, and/or an office referral. Students will be well prepared for tests if they use the review materials given to them and study at home.

By you and your parent/guardian signing this syllabus, you are verifying that you are aware of and will abide by all of Ms. O'Neal's classroom policies. This syllabus must be signed and returned to Ms. O'Neal the first week of school. If you have any questions or concerns about course policies, please contact me via email (morgan.oneal@nhcs.net).

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Student Signature:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name Printed: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____ **Name of Contact:** _____