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Natural Science Syllabus

Outdoor Lab Motto:
Developing stewardship of ourselves, our community, and our environment.

Access/Office Hours:	7:30-8:15am (Before School)
	8:15-9:35 (2nd Period/White Days)
	12:30 -1:50 (5th Period/Blue Days)
	3:20-3:45pm (After School)

Course Goals:

1. To provide students with a broad and meaningful understanding of the world around them through the core beliefs of the Outdoor Lab Foundation.
2. Prepare students for a leadership role in the Outdoor Lab Program and other leadership roles in their future.

Course Description:

This course is a project based course made up of 11th and 12th graders that are PLANNING on attending at least one Outdoor Lab Session as a Leader. This course is one of a kind other than at McLean HS. This course is in its third year, so please be understanding, patient, and embrace this great opportunity!

NATURAL SCIENCE - Unit 1: Unpacking Yourself, Unit 2: Prepping for your Trip, Unit 3: Stewardship

**These topics are subject to change as opportunities for field work becomes available and Outdoor Lab Experiences are planned.*

Field Work Opportunities Scheduled for this year:

- Volunteering @ Emory/Volunteering w/7th grade Art, Gym, Science/10th grade DinoRidge Field Trip/Bear Creek Camping Trip/Greenway Foundation Stewardship

MATERIALS - *Journal:* We will be using our journals on a daily basis. It will be a primary resource.

- 3 *Ring Binder:* This resource will help keep all of your handouts and journals in one place.

Grading

20% = Citizenship: Attendance and Participation, Daily Assignments, Warm Ups, and Notebook Check

40% = Formative Assessments: Quizzes and Labs/Activities **40% = Summative Assessments:** Projects and Tests(?)

****You must participate in 1 Outdoor Lab Experience to be eligible for an A in this class.**

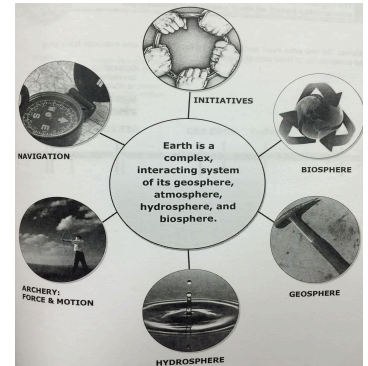
*****You must also participate in 10 hours of Stewardship Participation out of normal class time in this semester to be eligible for an A**

-It is the student's responsibility to monitor his or her own grade and to see me with any questions or concerns. However, we will be monitoring our grades in class on a regular basis. I will be updating the grades once a week.

All work will be graded on a 10-18 point Rubric Scale using the 4

MYP Criterion Rubrics:

(+10 points on rubric is awarded to all students for participation)



Assignments, Formative Assessments, & Summative Assessments	
Score + 30	
17-18	94-100%
15-16	83-88%
13-14	72-77%
11-12	61-66%
10	55%

Attendance

-Attending the Natural Science course everyday is mandatory. You can access any missed work/days by viewing the "Daily Agenda" or checking the "Calendar" on my teacher website. Many days we will have daily warm ups that will be expected to be complete BY THE FOLLOWING WEEK. I will be following the school policy for Tardies. BE ON TIME!!!

Parent Portal Gradebook

-I will update grades on a weekly basis. Students will review their grades every week in advisement.

Important Abbreviations in my Online Parent Portal Gradebook:

m = Missing, you can still make it up **T** = Turned in, just not officially graded yet **Blank** = assignment has not been graded or is not due
X = Excused, student is excused from assignment and is not calculated in grade

Remind Phone App

We will be using the Remind App to communicate with students and parents throughout the year for various reasons such as tests, projects, field trips, and special events. NO NUMBERS WILL BE SHARED OR VISIBLE TO OTHERS.

5th Period Natural Science: Parents and Students text @NatSci18p4 to the number 81010

You will receive a welcome text from Remind to join your class.

Safety Contract and Chromebook Contract:

Use the link provided at the top of this sheet to go to my class website to review the documents.

The provided separate sheet of paper is to be used to sign.

On a separate piece of paper, write down your information:

Name:

Parent's Phone: (Cell and home)

*Your Cell Phone:

Parent(s) Names:

Parents Email: