

# Earth Science 17-18

Welcome everyone! I am looking forward to an exciting semester in Earth Science. This semester will be full of learning, hard work, labs and fun thrown in. The following information is provided to you and your parents/guardians so that you know what is expected of you this semester.

## Behavioral Expectations

One rule that encompasses many- be respectful of others and self.

## Food and Drinks

Drinks with twist top labels allowed. Each student is responsible for their trash and upkeep.

## Grading

Quarterly grades will be calculated by dividing the points earned on an assignment by the total points possible for that assignment. The more important the assignment the higher the point value assigned. The categories and grading scale are below:

Tests/Projects	30%	A = 90-100
Classwork/Homework	25%	B = 80-89
Quizzes	20%	C = 70-79
Lab	25%	D = 60-69
		F = 0-59

\*Your semester work is worth 80% of your overall grade. There is a final exam at the end of the course worth 20% of your overall grade!\*

## Turning in Work

Place all work in the box labeled, with the period number on it. Make up work will be located on Google classroom and it is YOUR responsibility to find out what you missed. You have five school days to make up work. This includes labs, tests, and quizzes. If work is not completed in this five day window, you will not receive credit. If you need to make up a test or quiz, it must be arranged before or after school. Google classroom codes are on the classroom walls and will be revealed August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Routines/procedures:

These will be practiced the first few days of school and a list will be input on google classroom.

## Supplies

Loose leaf paper, folder/binder, writing utensil, colored pencils, scissors, ruler, and white out (optional) are required for class. No spiral notebooks due to 'confetti'. Keep all papers in notebook so you will have access to it throughout the semester.

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## Tutoring and Book checkouts

I offer tutoring on Mondays/Wednesdays from 7:45-8:15 due to my after school obligations. There is a set of textbooks in the classroom for use and students will take notes in the class and can print copies off of google classroom. By not issuing textbooks it reduces the damage fee on worn books and it forces the students to be accountable for their work and time utilization. Books will not be provided so the students must complete work in time in class. Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns. The standards for the course are located on the NCDPI website.

## Bookbags

Bookbags may be brought to class but for safety reasons, they must be out of the way of classroom traffic.

I look forward to sharing your child's educational journey!!

\*Students, Parents or Guardians! By signing below, you are acknowledging you have read and understand the information in this syllabus. If you have any questions now or wish to contact me later, please email me at [sherisquire@ccs.k12.nc.us](mailto:sherisquire@ccs.k12.nc.us).

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

*Sheri Squire, MaEd, LAT, ATC*

## Supply Wish List

These supplies are things that will be used throughout the semester by your student in his/her Earth Science Class. Any donated items will be much appreciated but not required. Donations will earn bonus points.

- Glue stick
- Scotch tape
- Masking tape
- White index card
- Post-its
- Tissues
- Foam hand soap
- card stock
- construction paper
- index cards
- Calculators
- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- hand sanitizer
- Pencils
- Dry Erase Markers
- lab items in advance

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## **Phone policy:**

The students may use their phone before school, between classes, and at lunch without penalty. If they have earphones on in designated areas (only one earbud in, please be able to still hear if someone is talking to you- music should not drown out peripheral noise)

**The school phone policy is on the website. Signing this syllabus also constitutes the electronic policy adherence.**

All internet policies are in accordance with the County policy signed by parent and student.

**Safety contract-** sign and return. A safety quiz will be conducted the first week of school.

## **AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_(student's name printed) have read and agree to follow all of the safety rules set forth in this contract. I realize that I must obey these rules to ensure my own safety, and that of my fellow students and instructors. I will cooperate to the fullest extent with my instructor and fellow students to maintain a safe lab environment. I will also closely follow the oral and written instructions provided by the instructor. I am aware that any violation of this safety contract that results in unsafe conduct in the laboratory or misbehavior on my part, may result in being removed from the laboratory, detention, receiving a failing grade, and/or dismissal from the course.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your signature on this contract indicates that you have read the Student Safety Contract, are aware of the measures taken to ensure the safety of your son/daughter in the science laboratory, and will instruct your son/ daughter to uphold his/her agreement to follow these rules and procedures in the laboratory.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_