

# Earth/Environmental Science 2022-2023

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Earth/Environmental Science is everywhere! Earth is where you live and these topics are almost always forefront in the news! In this course we will have an overview of many of the topics that make up Earth/Environmental Science including, astronomy, geology, hydrology, meteorology, sustainability, and ecology. This is an important class because **it is required to graduate from West Meck, but also because this planet is your home.** I am here to provide you with the resources and opportunities for you to be successful. I am excited to be on this journey with you. This is OUR classroom.

**Units Covered:** Lithosphere | Astronomy | Energy & Sustainability | Water | Ecology

In this class, you will be expected to meet expectations and *try your best!*

<p><b>WHAT WE WILL DO (Big Goals):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% of students will meet 80%+ of content.</li> <li>Students will be responsible for themselves and their education.</li> <li>Students will be prepared for life after high school.</li> </ol>	<p><b>WHAT YOU WILL NEED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your Computer and Charger</li> <li>1 inch binder with dividers</li> <li>Paper and Pencil/Pens to help keep you organized.</li> <li>Earbuds</li> </ol>
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## Assignment Categories

Prepare Assignments (20%)	Rehearse Assignments (30%)	Perform Assignments (50%)
Homework	Quizzes	Unit Assessments
Warm-ups	Labs	Projects with Rubrics
Exit Tickets	Mini Assessments	
Small Check for Understandings	Mini Projects	

## Unit Test & Cumulative Final

Earth & Environmental Science students will be taking a Multiple Choice test at the end of each Unit. And a cumulative Midterm and Final at the end of the semester.

<h3><u>Technology Policy</u></h3> <p>Phones are not permitted during instructional time at West Meck. Students will be expected to keep their phones on their person and COMPLETELY OUT OF SIGHT. If the cell phone policy is not followed, students will go through the following consequence breakdown:</p> <p><b>1st Time:</b> Warning to Place Phone in Common Area  <b>2nd Time:</b> Phone will be taken until the end of class.  <b>3rd Time:</b> Phone will be taken until the end of the day and a phone call home will be made.</p> <p><b>THE SAME POLICY APPLIES TO:</b>          Airpods or Earpods need to be put away and out of sight unless being used to watch a video.</p>	<p><b>EXPECTATIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ You will be on time for class and present for all of the instruction (75 minutes).</li> <li>★ You will participate in class during your class time including, but not limited to responding in class, and working with your group.</li> <li>★ Be kind, work hard and always do your best!!!</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr. Huxtable's General Classroom Consequences:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-Verbal Warning</li> <li>Verbal Warning</li> <li>One on One Convo</li> <li>Bounce Out</li> </ul>
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### CANVAS

We will be using Canvas to facilitate learning. We will use other resources as well, but will link those resources through Canvas.

For Parents/Guardians: The link is [HERE](#) for more information.

Tips for Success	Earth Science Binders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Don't be too quick to dismiss your mistakes</b> as "stupid". The pros keep track of their mistakes and learn from them.</li> <li>• <b>Ask for help.</b> Do this earlier rather than later. Smart students ask for help. Use our Remind for the quickest response.</li> <li>• <b>Make a habit to regularly check Canvas and Powerschool!</b> Although many assignments are submitted and graded in Canvas, the "final" grades shown may not be properly weighted and do not contain assignments that were not graded in Canvas. For official grades, please continue to check Powerschool. <i>Families</i> - If you need assistance accessing the parent portal, please contact the school.</li> <li>• <b>Keep open and honest lines of communication</b> with your teacher – if something is going on, let him know!</li> <li>• <b>Develop good study habits</b> – Mr. Huxtable can help you in this area. All you need to do is ask (tip #2)!</li> </ul>	<p>For this class you will need a 1½ inch binder. It is your responsibility to bring your binder <b>EVERYDAY</b>. Your binder should NOT stay at school <u>or</u> at home. Bring it everyday. Your binder will need to stay organized with notes, handouts &amp; activities. Binder checks will be done regularly!</p> <p><b>This syllabus should be the FIRST document in your binder!!!</b></p>

**Grading Policy:**

1. All students have the ability to make up any missed work due to an excused absence. Students should contact their teacher and collect all missed assignments. **All make up work is due to the student's respective teacher within 5 business days of their absence! If an assignment is not completed and turned in; those missed assignments turn into a zero.**
2. Per CMS Grading Policy; **a 50% will be assigned as the lowest grade for any assignment for which the student shows a reasonable attempt to address the minimum requirements of the task**; this means the student actually did the task but did not meet the minimum requirement.
3. Per CMS Grading Policy; students will receive the grade they earn on the MidTerm and Final Exams, there is no minimum score.
4. **Assignments NOT attempted will receive a grade of a zero** per CMS Grading Policy
5. **Academic Dishonesty (Cheating/Plagiarizing)** will result in a ZERO

<p><b>Grading Scale:</b>            90 – 100 % = A (4)            80 – 89 % = B (3)            70 – 79% = C (2)            60 – 69% = D (1)            Below 60 = F (0)</p>
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**Please review the course syllabus with your scholar.**

**It will be imperative that both of you are aware of the classroom policies and procedures as we move through the new semester!**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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