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### What do I need for class?

- 3" binder
- Chromebook & charger
- Pens and pencils
- Tab dividers

## **Class Expectations**

**Prompt & Prepared:** Come to class on time and with all of your necessary supplies. Don't forget your mask!

**Operate with Respect:** Respect yourself and others. Respect our class time and our materials.

**Do Your Best:** Be responsible for your learning; work hard and do your best. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

**Course Description** 

Earth & Environmental Science is an introductory course designed to provide students with a solid foundation in scientific theory and investigation. We will develop these skills while studying topics outlined in the Earth & Environmental Science curriculum. These topics, which in accordance with the North Carolina Essential Standards, focus on the Earth's position in our universe, its processes, and the impact of human behavior on those processes. Emphasis is placed heavily on the origin and evolution of the Earth and the Solar System, plate tectonics, rock cycle, water cycle, weather, and environmental awareness.

# 6 Units of Study

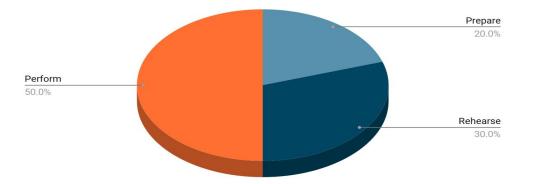
- Unit 0: Intro into EES
- Unit 1: Lithosphere and Land Use
- Unit 2: Astronomy
- Unit 3: Atmosphere and Weather
- Unit 4: Oceans and Human Impact
- Unit 5: NC Biomes, Ecology, and Sustainability

#### 'A MIND IS LIKE A PARACHU' ESN'T WORK IF IT IS NOT OPEN." - Frank Zappa

How will I be graded?

Your assignments will be broken down into three major categories:

- **Prepare:** Smaller assignments that allow students to practice new learning. (i.e. Homework, 1 warm-ups, exit tickets, smaller checks for understanding)
- Rehearse: Assignments that provide students with feedback on progress towards mastery of 2. standards (i.e. Quizzes, labs, mini-assessments, mini-projects, classwork)
- 3. **Perform:** Culminating/formative assessment that measure mastery of one or multiple standards (i.e. Unit assessments and projects with rubrics)





Scan here to learn more about CMS new grading policy.

**Cheating** Policy The WMHS Science department is committed to the academic, social, and ethical development of each of our scholars. We feel that being academically dishonest inhibits a scholar's achievement and compromises the trust between teacher and student, which is fundamental to the learning process. There is zero tolerance in regard to cheating/plagiarism. If a student cheats or plagiarizes on any class work or assessment (tests/quizzes), that student will receive a zero and their parent/guardian will be notified. In addition, any student who assists another student in the act of cheating/plagiarizing will experience the same consequences. Students will have an opportunity to complete the assignment or take the assessment to assist the student in mastery of the content; changing the grade is up to teacher discretion.



- Don't be too quick to dismiss your mistakes as "stupid". The pros keep track of their mistakes and learn from them.
- Ask for help. Do this earlier rather than later. Smart students ask for help. Use our Remind for the quickest response.
- Make a habit to regularly check Canvas and Powerschool! 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. Families - If you need assistance accessing the parent portal, please contact the school.
- Keep open and honest lines of communication with your teacher if something is going on, let her know!
- Develop good study habits Ms. Fields can help you in this area. All you need to do is ask (tip #2)!