

Disclosure Document for Brandon Barth's Earth Science Class 2016-2017

Course Description:

Welcome to Earth Science! Be prepared as we take a journey, not only through the earth, but also through the universe. We will explore many different aspects of earth and space and learn about what's all around us. We will discover how these processes work and how they are all connected in a delicate cycle that is in balance. However, this isn't a philosophy course where we just talk about science. "Science" is part of the title so we will be doing "science!" You will experience science based on making observations, gathering data, designing and doing experiments, making inferences and conclusions, creating graphs, and communicating your results. Hopefully by the end of this class you will gain an appreciation for how **"The world is just Awesome!"**

Topics we will Study:

- 1) **Introduction to Earth Science and the Scientific Method**
- 2) **Astronomy**
- 3) **Layers of the Earth, Earthquakes, and Earthquake Safety (Geosphere)**
- 4) **Continental Drift and Seafloor Spreading**
- 5) **Plate Tectonics**
- 6) **Atmosphere, Weather, Climate, and Energy**
- 7) **Hydrosphere: Water Cycle, Water Pollution/Conservation, and Oceans**

Grade Scale: (I reserve the right to only accept at least C- quality work if necessary)

Grade	Percentage	Grade	Percentage
A	93% - 100%	C+	77% - 79%
A-	90% - 92%	C	73% - 76%
B+	87% - 89%	C-	70% - 72%
B	83% - 86%	D ⊗	60% - 69%
B-	80% - 82%	F ⊗	0% - 59%

Grading Categories:

Category	Items	Grade Weight
Assessments	Tests, Quizzes, and pop quizzes	40%
Assignments	Class work / Homework, Binder Checks (notes),	25%
Labs and Projects	Science labs and class projects	25%
Citizenship	Bell Work, Behavior, Preparation and Participation	10%

Class Rules:

1. Be Respectful! Respect everyone in the classroom, the facilities, and the materials in the room (especially the computers when we use them).
2. **No food, candy, or drinks** allowed in the classroom (unless I as the teacher bring it in). Water is allowed in a closed, plastic container.
3. **No cell phones, ear buds/headphones, or electronic devices** allowed in the classroom. I will follow the school policy for electronics.
4. If you make a mess clean it up! That includes throwing your trash in the garbage.
5. **Be Prepared!** Come in on time, be in your seat when the bell starts to ring, and be ready with paper, pen/pencil, and science binder.
6. Be a Self-Advocate. Ask for help when needed, be self-directed when possible, and try your best at all times.
7. **Just do the work!**

8. Be a team player.
9. Don't stress!
10. **Remember, you can do hard things!** 😊

Tardies:

If you are not in your seat prepared to work with required items when the bell rings you are tardy for class. You will be marked absent if you are over 10 minutes late for class without an approved excuse. Excessive tardies will result in lunch detentions.

Hall Passes:

Students will be allowed to use the restroom or drinking fountain at the discretion of the teacher. Students must first ask to be excused and then use the big yellow sign hanging up, which will act as their hall pass, in order to leave. Only one student at a time will be allowed out.

Media Usage Plan:

We will be using multiple video clips to help demonstrate science principles and some of these clips may come from TV or movies that may have a rating of G, PG, or PG-13. Other clips will come from Internet sources. If this is an issue please contact me.

Required Items: (please note that students must come prepared to class or they will be penalized in their participation grade)

1. 3 ring binder dedicated to Earth Science with lined paper in it. (folder with pockets to go inside binder is optional, but helpful). You will need your binder every day!
2. Working Pencil or Pen

Citizenship:

Citizenship/Participation grade will be based on behavior, preparation, and participation. You will be penalized in your participation grade for violations such as: Late to class, non-preparation (don't have required items)/participation, don't keep food or drink put away, use electronics, do not clean up after yourself, and have bad behavior or attitude. **Bell work assignments will act as a citizenship grade since those are points awarded for being in class.** You cannot make up bell works so please be in class so you don't miss these easy points!

Assignments:

Assignments may include class work, homework, projects, binder checks (notes), and labs. It is the student's responsibility to complete the work by the due date. There will usually be no penalty for assignments turned in late, but **all assignments will be due by the day of the test for that unit and will not be accepted after that time** (unless previously arranged otherwise). It is also the student's responsibility to make-up any notes or get help on any assignments for the days they miss. Assignments may also be obtained on my website at my.uen.org/262434 or from the google drive folder accessed through the IHS website.

Remediation:

I will be available for help sessions everyday before school (7:30-8am) and after school (3-3:30pm). If more time is needed, contact me and I will make accommodations accordingly.

Communication:

My classroom is room #201. I may be reached at 801-374-4920. My e-mail address is: brandonb@provo.edu Remember you can find missing assignments on the websites listed above.

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Student's Initials: _____ I read the Media Usage Plan.

I have read and agree to comply with the above policies and procedures:

Student Name (**Print**): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian Name (**Print**): _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's / Guardian's e-Mail Address: _____

Parent's / Guardian's Phone Number: _____

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