Environmental Science Syllabus

Teacher: Ms. Almeida
Contact Info: almeidak@pcsb.org
Class Website: www.eastlakescience.weebly.com

Supply List

Organization is essential for success in this course. The following items are **REQUIRED** and must be brought to class **daily**:

- Pen/Pencil
- College-Ruled Paper
- 3-Ring Binder (1 ½ in.)
- Notebook Dividers (5 Pack)
- Colored Pencils
- Textbook Cover
- Scientific Calculator

Course Outline

This course will be divided by semesters.

- **Semester 1:** Unit 1 – Introduction to Environmental Science, Unit 2 – Ecology, Unit 3 – Communities and Populations, Unit 4 – Ecosystems, Unit 5 – Resources and Human Impact
- **Semester 2:** Unit 6 – Geology and Land Use, Unit 7 – Energy Use and Waste Management, Unit 8 – Water Quality and Resources, Unit 9 – Climate and Air Quality, Unit 10 – Sustainability and the Future

Resources

- **Course Textbook:** Environmental Science, Holt McDougal Science ©2008

Classroom Behavior

Student Expectations:

Be here on time
Engage in academic activities
Stay in your seat
Make good choices
Act appropriately
Respect yourself, others, and the environment
Talk less, Focus more

Consequences:

- Following student expectations and making good choices is encouraged at all times and will result in positive consequences and class rewards.
- Violation of student expectations and poor decision making will result in the following consequences:
  - 1st Offense-Verbal Warning
  - 2nd Offense-Seat Change
  - 3rd Offense-Call to Parent/Guardian
  - 4th Offense-Student Detention
  - 5th offense- Referral
- ∗ Verbal and/or physical disrespect to others and their property will not be tolerated in the classroom. Such behavior will result an immediate referral.
- ∗ All school board and East Lake policies not mentioned above will be enforced. See your student handbook.

Classroom Policies

- **Tardy Policy:** The door will close when the bell rings. If you are not in the room, you are tardy. All tardy students must follow the discipline action set forth by East Lake High School.
- **Cell Phone Policy:** Cell phones and other electronics are not allowed to be used and should be shut off prior to entering the classroom.
- **Bathroom Pass Policy:** You are allowed up to 3 bathroom passes per 6 week grading period. You must have a pass and use the sign-out sheet. Exceptions may be made in the case of an emergency.
- **Make-Up Work Policy:** Students are responsible for making up all missed classwork and homework for all the days they were absent. It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to refer to the class website and obtain all the assignments,

instruction, and notes that were missed during your absence. In accordance with East Lake High School's policy, students have one day per every day absent to make up all homework, classwork, quizzes, and tests.

- **Late Work Policy:** Late school work will be accepted for up to two days after the due date. The penalty for late work is as follows:
    - **1 Day late:** 20% off
    - **2 Days late:** 50% off
    - **3+ Days late:** Student will receive a **ZERO** for the assignment.
- **Academic Honesty:** All students are expected to do their own work. Cheating will not be tolerated. Any student cheating will be disciplined accordingly and will receive a zero for the assignment.

Grading

Pinellas County Schools Grading Policy:

A = 90%-100% **B** = 80%-89% **C** = 70%-79% **D** = 60%-69% **F** = 59% or below

- Student grades can be viewed on portal.

Your grade will be calculated on a point scale as follows:

- **Quizzes:** 5-50 points
- **Notebook:** 100 points
- **Tests:** 100 points
- **Lab Reports/Projects:** 30- 100 points
- **Cumulative 6 Weeks Test**

- **Quizzes:** Short vocabulary and comprehension quizzes will be given periodically throughout each chapter.
- **Notebook:** On each test day you must submit your notebook with all of your classwork/homework (includes bellwork, activities, and assignments completed). The notebook must be fully organized to receive full credit.
- **Tests:** Tests will be given at the end of each unit. A review sheet and classroom review session will be given prior to the test date.
- **Lab Reports/Projects:** Throughout the school year you will be assigned several lab reports and projects. Detailed instructions, deadlines, and grading expectations will be given when the lab/project is assigned.
- **Cumulative 6 Weeks Test:** Each six weeks you will have a cumulative test. The cumulative test will be comprised of all material covered during that six weeks. The cumulative test will be administered for two reasons:
    - Any students failing to take a test or quiz during the six weeks (absent)
    - Any students wishing to replace their lowest test or quiz grade.

  The cumulative test will count for the same percentage as the test or quiz missed during the six weeks.
- **Extra Credit:** There will opportunity for extra credit throughout the year. Extra credit points will be capped at 20 points per grading period.

∗ Please note the information on this syllabus is subject to change.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SYLLABUS

Detach and return this portion signed. This signature indicates that you have read and understand all enclosed information.

_____ Printed name of STUDENT

_____ Student Signature

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature

Please do not hesitate to send me and email with any concerns or comments you may have in regards to this course. I look forward to a wonderful year.