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|  | Piscataway **Environmental Science**  **Ms. Miller** **Email:millerm1@mcvts.net**  |  |

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| COURSE **DESCRIPTION** | Students will develop understanding in four key areas in environmental science; they are:1) Earth’s Active and Tumultuous Geological History , 2) Earth’s many Dynamic and Interrelated Systems, 3) Earth’s Continually Changing Climate Systems, and 4)Anthropogenic Issues and Remediation in Our Quest for a More Sustainable word.  |
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| **REQUIRED****SUPPLIES** | 3-ring binder with either loose leaf paper or a notebook that fits insidePen or pencil for every class  |
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| **GRADING** **SCALE** | A+ 100-98 A 97-92A- 91-90 | B+ 89-87 B 86-82B- 81-80 | C+ 79-77C 76-72C- 71-70 | D 69-65F 64 and below |
| **COURSE OVERVIEW** | * Marking Period 1: Major Topic(s): Intro, Earth’s composition
* Marking Period 2: Major Topic(s): Energy flow, Ecology
* Marking Period 3: Major Topic(s): Climate Systems
* Marking Period 4: Major Topic(s): Extinction, Evolution, Human Impacts
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| **EXAM****POLICY****ABSENCES:** **LATE WORK:**  | There will be a midterm and final exam given at the midpoint and end of the course that will count for 20% of the final grade (10% for the midterm and 10% for the final). Students that receive an A average for each of the four marking periods will be exempt from the final exam. Everyone must take the midterm. This may change and the exams may turn into large projects instead of traditional exams. If absent it is your responsibility to get the missing work from the extra copies bins or come to me. You will have the same amount of time to complete the assignment as you were out. This goes for tests and quizzes as well. Extended absences will be taken care of on an individual basis. Late work will be accepted with 3.5% taken off for each day that it is late. Once the assignment is handed back to the rest of the class 10% will be taken off for each day it is late. Late/makeup work gets graded LAST, therefore if you have many missing assignments it will take more time for your grade to change in genesis once it is turned in. |
| **CLASSROOM RULES** | * Should be in seat by the time the bell rings prepared for class to start
* One person out at a time
* Be on time
* Respect the classroom, materials, others
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Grading Policies

1. GRADE BREAK-DOWN🡪 Grades will be

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| **Assessment** | **Percentage of Final Grade** |
| Tests/Projects  | 35% |
| Quiz | 25% |
| Homework/Participation | 15% |
| Classwork /Labs | 25% |

22. HOMEWORK/Classwork POLICY

1. All assignments must be presented or handed in to me when I ask for them.
2. If a student is absent the day an assignment is due, he/she is responsible for handing in the assignment as soon as they return.
3. If a student is absent the day an assignment is given, he/she is responsible for getting the assignment as soon as they return. They will be given the same amount of time to work on it as everyone else that was present.

3. TESTS/QUIZZES

1. You will receive at least 3 class days notice for tests, 1 days notice for quizzes.
2. No talking during tests/quizzes. Talking = cheating = 0%.
3. If you are absent the day before a test, you will set up a mutually convenient time with me.
4. If you are absent the day of a test, you will take the test within 2 days or returning.
5. If you do poorly on a test or a quiz, you have the opportunity to earn half points by correcting the test. It must be corrected and turned in within 7 days of receiving the test back. This can only be used ONCE per marking period.

4. LABORATORY

1. All lab rules are listed and will be followed.
2. If you miss a lab, you are responsible for making up that lab outside of class. !
3. Do not hand in a lab that you did not perform.
4. You will be both graded on performance within the lab group AND written assessments.
5. Lab questions, graphs, etc. are to be completed as homework.

5. DO Now QUESTIONS and Exit Questions

1. We will start each day with a do now question that pertains to something that we have gone over previously. You are responsible for completing the do now as soon as the bell rings. You are responsible for completing the questions 2 minutes after the bell rings so work quickly. Exit questions can be completed within the last 4 minutes of class.
2. Conduct/Participation points are given or taken at my discretion. Control yourself and get involved. These are EASY points.