

Regents Earth Science with Mrs. Price

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Main online source = Google Classroom



Overview of the Course:

This is a one-year Regents Earth and Space Science course. The learning standards from New York State are new this year and AHS science teachers are utilizing curriculum designed by New Visions for Public Schools.

There are 6 units:

- ★ Discovering New Worlds (solar system)
- ★ Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Tsunamis (earth's interior)
- ★ Climate Change Throughout Human History (coevolution of climate and life)
- ★ More Hurricanes and Blizzards in NYC? (climate change and severe weather)
- ★ Solutions for Sustainable Future (human sustainability)
- ★ Probability of Life in the Universe (solar system, orbits, universe)

Regents Requirements:

The Earth Science Regents Exam is a required exam in June. In order to take the Regents exam, each student must have at least 1200 minutes of successful lab time on file. Any student who fails to meet the lab requirement will not be allowed to take the Regents exam and will fail the class. Students must also successfully complete three lab investigations designed by NYSED.

Materials Required for Class:

- ★ "Marble" Composition Notebook
- ★ Folder for science (paper or plastic folder that is only for science)
- ★ Pen and pencil
- ★ ACSD charged Chromebook daily

Classroom Rules:

1. Respect others. Be kind.
2. Use school-appropriate language. No cursing.
3. Cell phones and earbuds/headphones must be put away in pockets or bags at all times. If I see your phone or earbuds, you will be required to place it in the hanging phone pouches until the end of class that day. Refusing to put the phone in the pouch (if caught using it) will result in an office referral and parent contact.

Community Learner Expectations:

- We will be respectful, kind, and patient with each other.
- Everyone is important and included in this classroom.
- Asking questions is a sign of a good learner. It is always okay to ask a question or to not understand something as you learn. Working toward understanding, learning from mistakes along the way, is the whole point of science. As a class, we will be patient and helpful when others have questions or don't know the answer yet.

Tardiness & Attendance:

As per school policy, arriving late for class unexcused for the 3rd time will result in an email to parents, and the 4th tardy is an office referral and detention. The tally resets each marking period.

If a student is absent, the student should ask for the missing work and complete it within one week. All class notes are posted in google classroom. Students/parents can check the posted "daily agenda" from google classroom to see what the class did while you were absent.

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Extra Help:

I am available for extra help after school on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in room 1327 from 2:20pm – 3:00pm. Weekly dates are listed in the daily agendas.

Grading:

Grades are based on a total point system with weights for each category (see below). Each marking period counts 25% of the final average. The Regents exam is required but is not mathematically part of the course average. Grades are entered in SchoolTool weekly and parents/students are encouraged to monitor progress electronically through the parent portal.

- ★ Assessments are **60%** of each marking period grade. Assessments include quizzes, tests, unit assessments, and projects.
 - Quizzes assess small segments of student learning. Quiz corrections are an optional way to raise quiz grades. Corrections include stating the correct answer and explaining WHY that is the right answer. Quiz corrections are due before the end of that unit.
- ★ Laboratories will make up **30%** of each marking period grade. Students are expected to complete every lab with a passing grade. Each student must earn 1200 lab minutes in order to qualify to take the Regents Exam. NYSED requires 3 specific lab investigations as well. The lab must receive a passing grade (65% or more) in order to accumulate those minutes.
 - Lab Corrections and Make-up: Any unsatisfactory lab (<65% correct) will be marked “Re-do” and returned to the student. The student can get help to correct the lab or fix it independently. After fixing the lab satisfactorily, the lab minutes will be earned and the grade will be raised. Labs must be completed within the same marking period.
- ★ Class work will make up **10%** of each marking period grade. This includes daily in-class assignments and notebook work. Students must complete work from any absences. Late work is accepted. Some class work assignments are expected to be finished for homework and turned in the next day.