**Earth and Space Science Syllabus 2015-2016 Mr. Mesler**

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**Course Content**: For a detailed description of the Earth and Space Science (ESS) state guidelines, please refer to the TEA website: <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter112/ch112c.html#112.36>. ESS is comprised of 10 units. The Units we will complete in this class are:

Unit 1: Universe & Stars

Unit 2: The Solar System

Unit 3: Plate Tectonics

Unit 4: Rocks, Minerals, & Surface Features

Unit 5: Geological Time

Unit 6: Atmospheric Form & Functions

Unit 7: Meteorology

Unit 8: Climatology

Unit 9: Fresh Water

Unit 10: Oceanography

**Six weeks Grading**: 25% Tests

40% Projects

35% Daily/Homework/Quizzes (Quizzes count twice as much as Homework)

**Semester Exams**: Each semester will culminate with a comprehensive exam covering the main topics, ideas, and themes covered over the course of that specific semester.

**Materials Needed Daily for Class:**

3 ring binder with pockets and paper (for taking notes)

#2 Pencils (specifically for tests)

Ball point pens

Dividers (optional)

**Classroom Procedures**

Go to your locker and or restroom before the tardy bell rings.

**Entering the classroom:**

1. Throw away all food and drinks before entering my classroom (this goes for water bottles too, if you need water there are plenty of water fountains outside my room). Should you choose to have food or drink in my class room be prepared for me to have you dispose of it. If it is your lunch for the day then keep it in your bag and do not eat in my room.
2. Pick up the day’s handouts.
3. Get out your homework that is due and be ready to turn it in when the tardy bell rings.
4. Please keep the walkways clear of your personal items.
5. Homework is due before the tardy bell rings.

**Taking notes and listening to lecture:**

1. Take notes quickly and quietly. Listen carefully and raise your hand if you have a question.
2. Listen carefully to classmates’ questions and my responses. Many times you will have the same question and if you are listening, your question will be answered before you need to ask it.

**Leaving the classroom:**

1. Clean up after yourself. Do not leave trash around your seat area when you leave.

2. Do not line up at the door waiting for the bell. Stay in your seats until you are dismissed.

**Going to the restroom:**

1. **You must have *your* planner to go to the restroom.**
2. Fill out your planner with the correct day, time and your destination and I will sign it before you leave.
3. I will limit the number of passes per class period.

**When you are absent:**

1. If you are absent from class, you are responsible for obtaining and completing any missed assignments.
2. It is your responsibility to get any assignments you have missed.
3. School district policy states that if you are absent for one day, you have one day to make up any missed work
4. It is best to find a buddy in class that will bring you missed assignments that day, because with block scheduling, it is easy to get behind quickly. If you do not understand an assignment, ask for help!
5. If you miss a major test or lab, you must be prepared to come in on make up day, which is Tuesday after school. The location is posted on my bulletin board. If you can not make the scheduled make up day, see me ASAP.
6. The make up quiz or test will not be the same test taken during the assigned class period.
7. A missed lab must be made up within one week of the absence.
8. If you miss a class due to an extracurricular activity you are responsible for all work missed the day you return to class.

**Late work:**

1. Should you not turn in an assignment on time you will be able to turn it in to me the next class period for a maximum grade of 70. After that it will not be accepted.
2. All projects will lose 10 points for every calendar day that they are late (excluding weekends).

**When we have a quiz or a test:**

1. Spread out with a space between each person. Use the lab tables.
2. Bring a pencil – nothing else to your testing spot.
3. You will remain in the place where you took your test until everyone in the class is finished. Talking will not be allowed.

**Academic Dishonesty**:

1. Academic dishonesty is unacceptable. We will follow the Academic Honesty Policy.
2. Copying homework results in a zero on that assignment for both the person copying and for the one whose work is being copied.
3. Academic dishonesty on a quiz or test (use of unauthorized materials or borrowing answers from a neighbor) is an automatic office referral and a zero on the assignment.

**Lab:**

1. Safety in the classroom is imperative! Follow safety warnings given by the teacher. Horseplay in the lab or tampering with equipment will not be tolerated.

2. A safety agreement must be signed by your parents and returned to me in order for you to

participate in a lab.

**Misc**.

1. In accordance with SBISD and Stratford policy, all electronic devices (cell phones, iPads, iPods, laptops, ect.) can only be used for academic purposes.

2. Profanity is never appropriate.

3. The storeroom is for authorized persons only.

4. We will be using “Remind” this year. Please text the phone #: **(832) 924-0363** with the message: **@coachmesl**

**Tutoring:**

* Tutoring is available Monday and Thursday mornings from 7:10-7:40.
* Early morning tutoring is also available but must be scheduled with the teacher ahead of time.

I have read and understand the syllabus, classroom procedures and expectations for the Earth and Space Science class for the 2015-2016 school year.

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