

Regents Earth Science Honors Course **Requirements**

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Objectives: This course will provide you with a detailed understanding of Earth Science. We will attempt to cover a wide range of thought provoking and challenging material, and will examine both the conceptual and real-world applications of various concepts. Laboratory experiments will enable you to apply classroom information to various hands-on activities. You will also be assigned several research projects throughout the year which will further enhance your knowledge of Earth Science.

Course Requirements: Your final grade will be determined by your grades on full-period tests, quizzes, lab reports, projects and homework. All students' grades will be based on the following breakdown:

60 %: Full Period Exams

5% Weekly Take Home Quests

5 %: Quizzes

15 % Lab Reports

10 %: Projects/Reports

5 %: Homework/Preparedness

- All information/assignments for this course will be posted on Google Classroom. You should check the site frequently and should enable Push notifications on your iPad for the Classroom App in order to make sure you receive all pertinent information.

- All assignments are due promptly on the assigned day. Late assignments will be assessed a 15 % penalty for each day late. Assignments more than 2 class sessions late will be assessed a grade of zero. If you anticipate having problems meeting these deadlines please notify me.

- Lab reports will be due 2 days after completion of an experiment. Lab reports will be subject to the same regulations as above (0pts if 2 days late) but will count towards your Regents Lab Requirement and will be given a grade of RC. All Lab reports will be placed in a student lab folder.
- All Lab Reports must be organized in the same manner and format. This will be discussed during your 1st Lab period.
- All lab activities and associated data are to be recorded in your lab notebook/file. This notebook may be randomly collected and graded as a quiz
- All lab reports must have a digital copy submitted to Turnitin.com. These copies must include images of all work performed during the lab period
- Notification for exams will occur 4-7 days prior to the exam date.
- There will be 3-4 major exams per quarter, which will include a Quarterly exam
- Quizzes may or may not have prior notification. The total number of quizzes per quarter will vary per quarter. On average you will have a quiz each week.
- You will be given at least 1 take home/online Quest each week. Quest will be due 5 days after they are assigned
- One project will be assigned per quarter
- Homework will be checked daily. Late homework will not be accepted and will be assessed as a zero
- Students are expected to participate on a regular basis during the classroom sessions. This will allow you and me to address any problems which may arise during the year in a timely manner.
- Students are expected to behave in an appropriate and adult manner. Disregarding this will result in both disciplinary and academic punishment.
- Students must arrive to the classroom promptly and sit in their assigned seats upon entering. Students must remain in their seats for the entire period unless instructed otherwise.
- Each and every class will begin with a prayer; reverence and participation are expected during all prayers.
- Talking during class will result in two problems: 1) Loss of information and class notes and 2) Disciplinary consequences such as the loss of points on upcoming tests/projects

- This is a course in which attendance is mandatory. Excessive and unexcused absences will result in confusion and loss of points. Class attendance at St. Francis Prep is a major priority. All students are required to complete all required work even if they are absent. If a student is absent from class 6 or more times for any given quarter, this will be considered excessive absence. This will result in a mandatory 5 point deduction from the quarterly grade. Please be advised classes missed due to lateness or early dismissal will be included in this group. Missed classes resulting from retreats, school trips and official appointments in the school building should not be included in the total number of absences and therefore will not count toward the 5 point deduction.

- iPads may be used to take notes and complete group work during class. Using it for other actions will result in corrective action and/or loss of points.

- The Earth Science Department and myself offer extra help throughout the year both before and after school. The schedule will be posted on Google classroom within the 1st 2 weeks of the year. You are strongly advised to attend as many sessions as possible during the year. This is especially true if you are struggling during the year.

- If you need to contact me after school hours, the best way to reach me is through my email agonzalez@sfponline.org . Emails will be answered promptly but email received after 6pm may not be answered until the next business day. The same is true for email sent on weekends or during Holidays.

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Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____