

VISTA MURRIETA HIGH SCHOOL

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

NAME OF COURSE: Earth Science

TEACHER: Mr. Jarrett

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: Students will examine the major topics in Earth Science, including meteorology, climatology, human impact on earth, and astronomy. We will look at the formation of the earth and the solar system, with a focus on the earth's place in the universe, space systems, and the history of the earth. There will also be a heavy focus on earth's systems, the atmosphere and energy in the earth's system, weather systems and climate, and human sustainability on earth. Both semesters will focus on making science interesting, engaging, fun, and relevant to today's world.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR: Students are expected to follow the student handbook and these simple rules:

1. Respect all people, all property, and yourself.
2. Come to class prepared, on time, and ready to learn.
3. No cheating, cheaters will be severely punished.
4. Follow all school rules.

CHEATING:

Students are expected to demonstrate honesty and integrity while in attendance at Vista Murrieta High School. Each student is expected to do his or her own work. This includes test taking, homework, class assignments, and the creation of original essays, term papers, and scientific research. Sharing work with another student during tests, on in-class essays or assignments, or on homework, is considered cheating. If submitted work is not a true reflection of a student's own effort and ability, then the student has manifested unacceptable academic behavior. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- **access to information will be viewed as intent**
- **claiming credit for work not the product of one's own honest effort**
- **allowing others to copy your work, or copying others work**
- **cutting and pasting (copying) anything off the internet (plagiarism)**
- **knowing about and tolerating either of the foregoing**

Any behavior which can be defined as cheating represents a violation of mutual trust and respect essential to education at Vista Murrieta High School.

Consequences for Cheating Include:

- **1st offense - zero on assignment/test, parent/counselor conference**
- **2nd offense - same as above plus administrative discipline**
- **3rd offense - same as above, with additional administrative discipline and potential removal from class**

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: All electronic devices must be turned off and out of sight during class, unless approval to use has been given by me. My class has a set of chrome books for use during class. Any misuse of personal electronic devices during class time will lead to the device being confiscated and turned in to Mr. Rausa. Consider this paragraph your only warning. On the second offense, the device will be taken and the student will receive a Saturday School. Every offense thereafter will be considered defiance and appropriate administrative action will be taken.

ATTENDANCE and MAKE UP WORK: Students are allowed to make up work if their absence is excused. Students have one day to make up work for each day of an excused absence. It is the **student's responsibility to make arrangements** for make up work on the day of return. Students are expected to make up all work; however, for unexcused absences credit will not be given. All assignments will be listed on the board, as well as the date completed. Students should check the list as soon as they return from an absence and immediately get their make up work. **Long term assignments** will be expected to be delivered the day the project is due, even if the student is excused for the day due to illness.

LATE WORK: Late work will lose half credit for every day it is turned in late. If not turned in at the beginning of class, it is considered 1 day late. It will be considered 2 days late if it is not turned in at the beginning of the next class.

TESTS, ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING: Grading is a reflection of a student's achievement on a variety of assessments. Vista Murrieta High School takes pride in the fact that our students **earn** their grades by hard work, perseverance and commitment to learn by demonstrating they understand the content of each course. Students will be evaluated based on Classwork and Lab Assignments, Tests and Quizzes, Unit Notebooks, Projects, and Final Exams roughly based on the following percentages:

Tests/Final Exam: 35%

Quizzes: 5%

Unit Notebooks w/ Vocabulary: 25%

Classwork/Labs/Projects: 35%

FINAL GRADE SCALE:

- A** 100-89.5
- B** 89.4-79.5
- C** 79.4-69.5
- D** 69.4-59.5
- F** 59.4-0

HOMEWORK: There is minimal to no homework in Earth Science classes. If the student does not finish their class work, their classwork becomes homework. All assignments are expected and designed to be finished in class and will be stamped for full credit. If the student does not finish their work in class they will not receive a stamp, and must finish the work at home. Work finished at home must be turned in the next class period and will receive half credit.

NOTETAKING: Taking notes in class and from the assignments is strongly recommended. Notes will be extremely useful during in-class assignments and as a study tool.

If you **pay attention**, **take notes**, **study**, and **work hard** you will **succeed** in my class and have a **rewarding experience**. I am excited about the upcoming year and hope the students will share my enthusiasm.