

CHINESE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Earth Science

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Earth Science is the study of the earth, the processes that sustain it, and the forces that shape its features. Students will learn about Earth's lithosphere (land), hydrosphere (water), atmosphere (air), and biosphere (life).

MATERIALS

- Writing instruments- Please have at least: 1 blue/black ink pen, 1 green ink pen, 1 pencil
- One-subject notebook (for taking notes)
- a 3-ring binder (Students may use a binder that is being used for another subject as long as there is a separate section for science.)
- (optional) various art supplies (i.e. markers, scissors, glue, etc.)
- a good attitude (this is ESSENTIAL)

TEXTBOOK

Prentice Hall's *Focus on Earth Science, California edition*; ISBN 0-13-201274-X

EVALUATION

Students will be evaluated in the following areas:

- Completion and correctness of assignments
- Quizzes
- In-Class Labs
- Chapter Tests
- Preparedness for class

The Final Grade will be calculated as follows:

Homework/ Classwork	40%
Tests/Quizzes	30%
Labs/Projects	30%

CLASS DISCIPLINE

Classroom Rules

1. No form of communication is allowed without the expressed permission from the teacher.
2. Listen to instructions the first time they are given.
3. Respect others' answers, opinions, belongings, and personal space.

Assignments

1. Homework- Homework should be done in the format discussed in class. Written work is due at the front of the room before the bell.
2. Quizzes-Quizzes will be announced at least 1 day in advance. Pop quizzes based on subject matter will NOT be given. However, pop quizzes based on preparedness may occur.
3. Tests- Tests will be announced at least 2 class periods in advance. There may not always be a review before the test is given.
4. Labs- Occasionally, after a lab is done, there will be a lab report due. Lab reports will be due a week from the day the lab was performed. Lab reports must follow the format given in class.

Late Work

1. It is the responsibility of the student to inquire about work missed during an excused absence.
2. To receive any credit, late work must be turned in within 2 weeks of the due date.
 - 1st week- score will be lowered by 10% for every class period the assignment is late
 - 2nd week- grade will be an automatic "F," but work can still be turned in for partial credit
3. If a student is absent on the day an assignment is due, the assignment will be due on the day of their return. The work will not receive a penalty for that first day, but afterwards, late penalties will be applied for every class period it is late.

I have read and understood the policies and procedures of this class and agree to follow them.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date