**Earth Science**

**Lakeland High School**

**Course Information: 2015-2016**

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| **Teacher:** Ms. Edsall | **School:** (757) 925-5790 | **Office Hours: Monday 3:10 – 4:10** |
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* **Course Description**

Students will investigate and understand features of planet earth, the forces that shape it, its place in the solar system, and its place in the universe. The following topics will be studied: geology, astronomy, oceanography, meteorology, and conservation.

* **Classroom Goal for Success**

I believe that every student has a right, capability, and expectation to be successful. Having said that, I also believe that all students should not aim to just pass the class but to give their 100% every day. **I will do, as your teacher, everything and anything within my capability, to ensure your success in this class.** All I ask is that you, the student, return the favor. I will not be satisfied until ALL students are achieving at 100%, not just 60%.

* **Classroom Expectations**

This class does not have rules; it has expectations. As a high school student, you will be expected to hold yourself to a higher level of dignity and integrity. You will be expected and held accountable for your actions. In this class there are only five expectations:

1. **![MCj03686660000[1]]()Respect the school, peers, and teachers.** (As part of this expectation, EATING FOOD IN CLASS IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT APPROVAL. See student handbook)
2. **Stay in YOUR seat.**
3. **Raise your hand if you wish to speak.**
4. **No unauthorized use of electronic devices or chargers without**

**teacher permission.**

1. **Come to class on time and prepared** (you will not be allowed to go to lockers).
* **Cheating**

Cheating will not be tolerated under any circumstance. There are severe consequences for those involved with academic dishonesty. If I suspect cheating, no credit will be given for any work you have turned in where cheating has occurred. This includes but is not limited to, copying others work (classwork and homework included), having prior knowledge of test answers, stealing answer keys, etc.

* **Consequences**
	+ First violation: Verbal warning.
	+ Second violation: Student-teacher conference.
	+ Third violation: Parent contact
	+ Fourth violation: Referral for detention.
	+ Fifth violation: Referral to the Principal/Vice-Principal.
* **Rewards/Positive Reinforcement**
	+ If you pass the SOL in May, you will be exempted from your Final Exam. If you receive a passed advanced status on your SOL, I will reward you with an automatic 100% for your final exam grade. If you are exempt and show up for the final exam session, you will still need to take the exam as a 4th 9 weeks test grade. If you fail the SOL, then you must take the final exam for a final exam grade.
	+ If all students in an Earth Science class performs above an 80% on ANY 9 weeks test OR 100% of all students pass the SOL. I will bring an agreed upon reward for the whole class. This is on a class by class basis. If another class meets this requirement and yours did not, do not expect to receive the reward.
* **Required Texts**

Students will be issued one textbook to be used throughout the school year:

* + *Glencoe: Earth Science*

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* **Required Supplies**
	+ 1 inch 3 ring binder
	+ Scissors
	+ Pencils and Pens
	+ Notebook paper
	+ 1 Pack of 500 sheets printer paper
	+ (Optional) Facial tissues
* **Assigned Seating**

Students will be assigned to a seat in September. Your seat assignments will change on as needed basis and at my discretion. If you have an issue with your assigned seat, please see me to plead your case.

* **Class Grading**

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| **Coursework Breakdown** | **Grading Scale** |
| **Category     Percent of 9 Weeks Grade** | **Range              Letter Grade** |
| Tests 40% |   93 – 100                   A                Outstanding |
| Quizzes/Projects 30% |   90 – 92                     A–               |
| Classwork/Daily 20% |   87 – 89                     B+               |
| Homework 10% |   83 – 86                     B                Above Average |
| **TOTAL 100%**  |   80 – 82                     B–               |
| MCj02819700000[1] |   77 – 79                     C+               |
|   73 – 76                     C                Average |
|   70 – 72                     C–               |
|   67 – 69                     D+               |
|   63 – 66                     D                 Below Average |
|   60 – 62                     D–               |
|   Below 60                   F                 Unsatisfactory |

* **Assignment/Make Up Policy**
	+ All work has a specific due date (normally the next class session) and is expected to be turned in on that date. You may turn in assignments early. This is highly recommended for athletes who know they will be out for games on specific dates.
	+ All assignments Must include a name, date, and period. Without these items I WILL NOT GRADE the assignment. If I do not know who to give credit to, how can I give you credit?
	+ Unless you request permission beforehand, I AM NOT REQUIRED TO ACCEPT LATE

WORK. However, I do understand that “life happens” and EMERGENCY situations may prevent a student from turning in an assignment on time. In these emergency situations, a student may submit an assignment no more than 2 days late. On the third day, the assignment will no longer be accepted. If there are extinuating circumstances, the student must speak to me privately and I will discuss with him/her on a one to one basis.

* + MISSED ASSIGNMENTS ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY! If you have an excused absence that keeps you from either turning in an assignment or receiving instructions for an assignment, it is your duty to talk to me about the assignments as soon as you return.
	+ MAKE UP WORK is designated for students who have excused absences and unavoidable circumstances. If you are absent and it is excused, you must speak to me about any make up work *the day you return*. You will have only as many days as you were out to submit the assigned work. Please see me to discuss your missed assignments otherwise; there will be no opportunity to make up assignments not turned in on time.
* **Flipping**

 Some or most notes in this class will be given by what is called flipping the classroom. The notes and other assignments will be placed on my website and will remain there all year long for review. Flipping the classroom involves placing notes, videos, assignments, and other important information online so that the student can retrieve them online. This will allow the student to take notes at his or her own pace, remain more engaged with the material instead of not paying attention to instruction because of taking notes. It will also provide more time in class to review and apply the information. By going over the information at home the student can come to class with their own questions. The notes will be taken as homework grades. There will be times when the student will be required to summarize and take notes off of short videos. In order for this to be successful, students will need to have regular internet access. If a student does NOT have access to the internet at home, the computers in the library can be requested by me after school if advance notice is provided. With appropriate planning students will be able to gain access at other times as well (before or during school).

Please see me immediately if there are any questions or concerns about this. Do not wait until the last minute to address this problem.

* **After School Tutoring**

Students with grades ‘D+’ or lower are recommended for after school tutoring. I am available on Monday’s from 3:10 – 4:10 after school for students that need extra help and bus transportation is provided if needed. Please make an appointment with me prior to that day you are staying back so I know to expect you. If nobody tells me they are staying back, then I will assume no one is coming and will leave when my work is finished for the day.

* **Bathroom/Locker Passes**

Students will receive ONE double-sided bathroom pass for the entire school year. Side 1 is for Semester 1 and side 2 is for Semester 2. You are allowed to use the restroom, for emergencies only, 4 times per semester so use them wisely. You will not be allowed out during the first and last 15 minutes of the class or during instruction (unless in cases of emergencies). If you’ve used all 4 emergency trips for that semester or your pass is missing, your answer is NO. Begging or pleading will not change my mind. If you need more than 4 trips per semester, please submit a doctor’s note to either the nurse or myself and arrangements will be made. This is the school wide Lakeland High School bathroom/locker pass policy. My recommendations are go between classes, before school, and during lunch. 7th Block students may not leave the classroom after 2pm for any purpose.

* **CONTACT ME WITH CONCERNS AT ANY TIME AT** **jessicaedsall@spsk12.net****!**

**Note: This is Ms. Edsall’s classroom. This is not a democratic society. I will listen to constructive input, but I have the final say so. If you want to run things find another teacher. Keep your attitude to yourself I have my own!!!!!**