



Pulaski High School

Earth Science 3040, 2013 -2014
Room 2700

“The Earth is what we all
have in common.” ---
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Welcome to Earth Science! I am looking forward to a fun and productive year of learning! It is my hope that working together we can develop a positive class climate and work as a community of learners. I value diversity and welcome the gifts and experiences that each individual brings to the classroom!

Text: Spaulding & Namowitz, Earth Science, McDougal Little. 2005.

Class Materials:

- A perforated spiral **Notebook** for note taking
- A 1 inch or larger **3 Ring Binder** for handouts and lab assignments
- A scientific **calculator** with scientific notation and trigonometry functions (graphing not required)
- Pencils and erasers
- Splash goggles will be provided as needed, but you are welcomed to bring your own. (Not needed every day)

Student Responsibilities

- ❖ **Be Punctual:** Arrive to class on time, come prepared with needed materials, be seated and work quietly on bell-ringers/ warm-ups.
- ❖ **Be Respectful:** show respect for the rights and property of your classmates, your teacher, and your school. Follow all classroom rules and behavioral expectations. **Electronic devices should be powered down during lecture and lab periods.** Devices may be used during work and study times for educational purposes at the discretion of the instructor. Use of any electronic devices during a quiz or test period is forbidden and will result in a **Zero** score.
- ❖ **Be Accountable:** Complete all required coursework legibly and on time. Follow lab safety at all times. “Tickets” will be issued for safety violations and points will be deducted from your lab score. Severe violations will result in a **Zero** and dismissal from the lab. Keep track of due dates and communicate all questions and concerns with me as soon as possible.
- ❖ **Be A Participant:** Contribute to discussions and labs, work collaboratively with classmates, and ask questions!!
- ❖ **Be Positive:** Focus on having a good attitude, redirect negative thoughts into purposeful action, don’t give up, support each other, seek guidance, have fun!
- ❖ **Be Authentic:** All work must be your own! Plagiarism and academic dishonesty will result in a **Zero** score and disciplinary actions will be taken.

Teacher Responsibilities

- ❖ I will accept and respect each student in all his/her individuality.
- ❖ I will work to provide a classroom atmosphere in which there is freedom and safety to make mistakes, take risks, ask questions, and contribute ideas.
- ❖ I will be approachable and available to assist students with questions or concerns without judgment or ridicule

- ❖ I will be committed to improving my teaching skills, staying current and learning from my students on a daily basis.
- ❖ I will communicate openly with students and provide timely feedback on homework, labs, texts, and quizzes.

Attendance:

- Regular attendance is **Expected** and **Necessary**.
- **You are responsible for making up missed work, quizzes, or tests, and obtaining missed class notes due to an excused absence.**
- Assignments due on the day of the absence are expected to be turned in the day that you return.
- Upon your return from an excused absence, you must make arrangements with me to complete missing quizzes, tests, or labs. Missing work must be completed within **one week**. Class notes and assignments can be obtained from a classmate or by visiting the class website.
- I reserve the right to assign a **Zero** for any test, quiz, lab, or homework assignment that was given or collected during an **Unexcused Absence**.

Late Work Policy

✚ You will receive one “Get Out of Jail Free” card per semester for times when “the dog ate your homework”.

You still have to complete the assignment, but fill out the card and complete the assignment, no questions asked. If you do not use it, and have no missing assignments, you can turn it in at the end of the semester for extra credit.



HOMWORK & LABS

Time After Due Date	Penalty	Example (60 Points)
4 weeks or less	½ Points	30 pts possible
After 1 month	0 points	0 pts

Note: 1 day late is considered half off!!

- Assignments are due in the basket at the beginning of the class period on the assigned date. Work turned in later in that day will be considered late.
- Exceptions due to special circumstances (death in family, accidents, poor health, learning needs) will be made on a student-by-student basis.

Grading Policy:

93-100%	A	73 - 76%	C
90 – 92%	A-	70 - 72%	C-
87 – 89%	B+	67 – 69%	D+
83 – 86%	B	63 – 66%	D
80 – 82%	B-	60 – 62%	D-
77 – 79%	C+	Below 60%	F

Grade Break-Down:	30% Homework
	30% Labs and Projects
	40% Tests and Quizzes
Semester Break-Down:	1 st Quarter 42.5%
	2 nd Quarter 42.5%
	Final Exam 15 %

Final Note: I care about you as a learner and a person! I want you to succeed! Therefore, I intend to set high expectations for you, hold you accountable, and support you throughout the process. Do not hesitate to ask for help! My goal is to help you become the best version of yourself! I look forward to an awesome year! ---Mrs. Welsing

**“The requirement for great success is great ambition.”
– Richard C. Lewontin**