



**Teacher Info:**

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**Course Description:**

This course is a regents-level laboratory science class, which meets for a double period every other day. Students cannot pass this course without completing their labs satisfactorily. In addition to labs, students will be expected to complete work in and outside of class. When homework is not assigned, it is strongly suggested that students study their notes.

**Course Objectives:**

1. To provide students with a greater understanding of how the world around them works.
2. To help students improve their skills as independent learners.
3. To help students improve their skills of working cooperatively within a team and achieving goals.
4. To have 100% of the class successfully complete the course.

**Course Requirements:**

1. Students must complete 1200 minutes of labs satisfactorily. This is a New York State requirement and students cannot get regents credit for the class without fulfilling it.
2. Students are expected to complete all assignments, participate fully in class discussions and activities and put forth their best effort always.
3. Students must have a 3-ring binder with three dividers, pens or pencils, a basic calculator and a positive attitude.

**Class Rules (some are district rules):**

Violations of class rules will result in detention with me during 9<sup>th</sup> period.

1. Be on time to class and ready to work bell to bell
2. Respect all members of our class
3. All electronic devices will be confiscated and given to the A.P.
4. No eating in class (bottled drinks are allowed)
5. Violators of the dress code will be sent to A.P.

**Grading:**

The percentages below are general guidelines for how each student's average will be calculated. In the past, quarterly averages have successfully predicted how well my students will do on the Regents Examination in June. Each student usually scores on the regents within 5 points of their average.

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| Tests (consist of old regents questions) | 40% |
| Quizzes (small and large)                | 20% |
| Lab Average (cumulative for the year)    | 20% |
| Homework                                 | 10% |
| Preparation, Attitude, Effort, Planner   | 10% |

\*\* Each student's year-end final grade will be calculated as follows:

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| Class Average | 75% |
| Final Exam    | 25% |

Parents/guardians,

Please sign and date in the spaces provided below. By signing this form, you and your child acknowledge and accept my classroom rules. Also, indicate your daytime phone number and email address (if any) that I may use to contact you. Please cut along the dashed line so you have my contact information for your records. Please contact me anytime for any reason. We need to work together to ensure your child's success.

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's phone number and email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Suggestions to help your child be successful in Earth Science:

- Have them bring home and study their notes daily.
- A few days in advance of quizzes and tests, study more.
- Make sure they are finishing their labs on time.