

Environmental Science Course Syllabus

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Course Description:

Environmental Science focuses on the links between living things, their surroundings, and the total environment of the planet. The Environmental Science curriculum is designed to extend student investigations that began in grades K-8. This curriculum is extensively performance, lab and field based. It integrates the study of many components of our environment, including the human impact on our planet. For more detailed standards, please go to:

<https://www.georgiastandards.org/standards/Georgia%20Performance%20Standards/EnvironmentalScienceStandards-Approved2006.pdf>

Materials:

In this course, you will need some basic materials in order to be successful. Below you will find the list that you will need:

- 3-ring binder
- Notebook Paper
- Pencil, Pen (blue or black ink)
- Colored Pencils/Highlighters/Notecards (*Optional*)

No supplies can be shared so I cannot let you borrow anything!!

Grading

Grades will be updated weekly and available to parents and students via the infinite campus parent portal. Students and parents should check grades regularly. This course includes a cumulative exam at the end of each semester as well as an EOCT, if applicable. There will be no extra credit given during the course. The *semester average* will be determined as follows:

Major Assessments	45%	Daily Work	15%
Minor Assessments	20%	Final Assessment/EOC	20%

Honor Code

The academic integrity of courses at VHS is of the utmost importance; as such, cheating or academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. If a student cheats or plagiarizes on any assessment, the result is a zero as a placeholder until the student has had the opportunity to demonstrate learning on an alternate assignment; the teacher must make parent contact.

If the cheating or plagiarism occurs on a major assessment, the student should be referred to an administrator for review. Cheating or plagiarism on a major assessment will also result in alternative discipline or in-school suspension. The ISS assignment will be progressively graduated if it is a repeated offense.

VHS Retesting Policy

Students may re-take two major assessment per semester within a week of receiving their grade, after completing tutoring/corrections, except those assessments where cheating occurred. A re-test cannot replace a zero for a task never initially completed. The re-test should be completed within a week of the original assessment.

SSO Portal/ Office 365

Each student has their own log in provided by the school system that can be accessed by going to www.hcbe.net and clicking on the SSO portal link. Once logged in you will see a bunch of tiles one being for our textbook, office 365 and google classroom.

Username: _____

Password: _____

Google Classroom

Google Classroom is a digital learning platform, which teachers use to interact with their students online. Teachers use this tool to create classes, distribute assignments, send feedback, and see everything in one place. To access Google Classroom, students may use any device that can access the internet.

To encourage blended learning, online assignments will be posted weekly through Google Classroom. At least one Google Classroom assignment per week will be graded and entered in Infinite Campus. Students should be familiar with how to navigate the online platform, communicate with their teacher, and submit assignments on time. If there are technology limitations, please notify the teacher.

1. Go to www.hcbe.net and Click on SSO Portal in the navigation menu.
2. Login with your school username and password.
3. Click on the Google Classroom app.

Online textbook

Class sets of textbooks are provided in the classrooms and student have access to their textbooks online. Our text book has so many extra resources on the online platform. Log into the SSO portal and click on the white icon that say Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Procedures and Expectations:

****Students are expected to adhere to the VHS Student Code of Conduct at all times****

Classroom Behavior

- Arrive ready for class; be an active participant in class and lab every day.
- Treat everyone with respect. Be polite toward the teacher and your classmates.
- Take pride in the class and lab by helping to keep it clean.
- BYOD: Electronic devices may be visible/used ONLY on days when the teacher grants permission.

Attendance

- Students should make every effort to be in class every day. If absent, **it is the student's responsibility to obtain missed assignments/notes from a classmate or teacher.** See the missing assignment folder in the classroom.
- If a test is missed, it is the student's responsibility to schedule a day to make-up the test within 5 school days. If a lab is missed, it will be the teacher's discretion is an alternate assignment or make-up lab is provided.
- If you are not in the classroom when the bell rings you will be marked tardy'

Consequences

- Minor disruptions/infractions will receive warnings, conferences, and/or parent phone calls.
- An office referral will occur for major disruptions/infractions, failure to serve assigned detention, or after repeated detention assignments.

PRINTED STUDENT NAME

PERIOD

LAB SAFETY CONTRACT

General Lab Safety Rules

- Follow all written & verbal instructions as provided
- Wear proper eye/clothing protection at all times.
- Conduct yourself in a responsible & safe manner in the laboratory environment.
- Be knowledgeable of equipment, safety symbols, & techniques required for each lab.
- Know where/how to get help in an emergency, including the location of the first aid, safety shower, eye wash, fire extinguisher, and fire blanket.

Students must pass a lab safety quiz with an 80 or higher to be permitted to participate in lab activities.

QUESTIONS

1. Do you wear contact lenses? YES NO
2. Are you color blind? YES NO
3. Do you have allergies? YES NO If so, list specific allergies:

4. Is there any medical condition that I need to be aware of? If so, please list:

I have read, understand, and agree to follow the lab safety rules outlines above, located in the lab safety materials, and any others provided in the future. I will conduct myself safely & appropriately at all times in the lab environment. I understand that failure to do so may result in not receiving credit for the lab and/or an office referral.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

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PARENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read the information provided in the course syllabus and understand the policies, procedures, and expectations. I will support Mrs. Borders' efforts to ensure my student is successful in this class. I acknowledge that my student must abide by the lab safety rules as outlined above and any others provided by Mrs. Borders. I have contact information to communicate with Ms. Young if needed:

Email: meagan.borders@hcbe.net

Phone (478) 218-7537

PRINT PARENT NAME

PARENT PHONE #

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT EMAIL #1

PARENT EMAIL #2

COMMENTS:

Course: Environmental Science

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