

Cumberland Regional High School

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Environmental Science Syllabus

Course Description

Environmental Science is study of the interrelationships between organisms and their physical surroundings focusing on the effects man has within the worldwide ecosystem. This course will provide students with knowledge to evaluate choices that can reduce the negative impact man has made on the environment. The course emphasizes the development of scientific principles, which allow students to identify and analyze environmental problems and associated risks. Students also examine solutions that can resolve/ prevent ecological problems through critical and creative thinking skills. This course meets the third lab science requirement for graduation. Successful completion of Biology is a pre-requisite

Rules & Expectations

- 1) **Respect**: others, teacher, yourself, and school property
- 2) **Appropriate Communication**: do not curse, use inappropriate slang, or talk about inappropriate things (drugs, drinking, partying, etc.) one person speak at a time
- 3) **Participation**: Always try your best, no matter what
- 4) **Cooperation**: I am here to help you. However, do not wait until the last minute to ask for help.
- 5) **Attendance**: You must make up all assignments you miss due to absence. You are responsible for locating me and asking about what assignments you have missed from your time being out. If you are absent on the day of a test or quiz, you will take the make-up as soon as possible. Other arrangements may be made depending on the circumstance.
- 6) **Cheating/Plagiarism**: If a student cheats or plagiarizes on any assignment, the student will receive a zero for that assignment and may be subjected to a full range of penalties including, but not limited to, reprimand and loss of credit for all the work that is plagiarized.
- 7) **Homework/Classwork**: All classwork and homework must be completed on time. Late assignments will not be given full credit.
- 8) **Hall Passes**: If you need to use the bathroom or go anywhere in the building, you must fill out a hall pass. I will review the information before you go. Be sure to ask during the right time! School policy states that if you are out of the room for longer than 10 minutes, you will receive a referral.

- 9) **Chromebooks**: Chromebooks are only to be used for classwork pertaining to this class. You may not be on your Chromebook if we are doing work that does not require the use of the Chromebook. Students who use the Chromebook for reasons not pertaining to class will be subjected to discipline. Each person will be assigned a Chromebook.
- 10) **Cell Phones**: When using technology in the classroom, we will be using the Chromebooks provided by the school. Therefore, cell phones and other personal electronic devices are not permitted to be used in class. If you must make an important phone call, you must go to your house office.
- 11) **Textbooks**: If you would like to take a textbook home, you must sign it out.
- 12) **Seating**: You will be given an assigned seat on the first day of class. You are expected to be in your assigned seat once the bell rings and remain seated until dismissed.
- 13) **Safety**: In science, students may be expected to work with materials that require caution. Follow all directions when using these items in class. Follow all directions in the event of an emergency.
- 14) **SERA (4th block only)**: Students who leave during SERA must check in with me before doing so. Students are responsible for signing out of the classroom in the green binder.

Grading Scale

- Major Assignments: 40%
- Minor Assignments: 30%
- Daily Assignments: 30%

How to Succeed in My Class

- Show up on time and be prepared. Be ready to work when the bell rings.
- Listen carefully and follow all directions.
- Manage your time wisely. Do not procrastinate!
- Communicate with me. Let me know if something is going on or you don't understand.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions.
- Let me know if there is something on your mind that is going to affect how you are in class.
- Finally, have fun, don't complain, take pride in your work, and do your best!