

## Earth and Space Science Syllabus

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**Textbooks:** Pearson Earth Science Textbook (\$100)

### **Course Description:**

Earth Science is the name for the group of sciences that deals with the Earth and its neighbors in space. Earth Science includes many subdivisions of geology, oceanography, meteorology, and astronomy.

### **Classroom Expectations:**

1. Be on time.
2. Respect yourself and others.
3. Be prepared.
4. Do your best work.
5. Maintain an environment for learning.
6. Keep a positive attitude.
7. Take responsibility.
8. Dress appropriately.
9. Use your time wisely.

The typical pattern of consequences for not meeting expectations are as follows: the first time you do not meet expectations in my class you will receive a warning/writing assignment to get you back in compliance. If you are not meeting expectations a second time, then you will receive a lunch detention/trash duty. If you continue not meeting expectations, administration will be called and you will be removed from my class. I reserve the right to make changes to this typical pattern.

### **Tardy Policy:**

The student handbook states that a student will be considered tardy if he/she is not seated in their desk and ready to learn when the tardy bell rings. The first time you are tardy during a semester you will receive a writing assignment. If you are tardy multiple times, administration will be informed.

### **Cell phone and other non-educational items policy:**

The student handbook states that non-educational items (including cell phones) are not to be out because they can disrupt the learning environment. A violation of the school cell phone use policy will be treated as a disciplinary matter.

### **Materials Policy:**

The student handbook states that students need to be prepared for class. Every day students must bring these five materials: notebook, writing utensil, coloring utensils, paper, and a book to read. If a student doesn't bring one of these materials, there will be consequences.

### **Grading:**

Your grade will be based on points earned from classwork, labs/projects, quizzes and tests.

A	90%-100%
B	80%-89%
C	70%-79%
D	60%-69%
F	59% or lower

### **Academic Probation:**

1. A student is placed on academic probation when his/her grade drops below a 'C' in an individual class. When this occurs, the teacher will notify a parent by the end of the following school day.
2. A student will remain on academic probation until the grade improves to a 'C' or higher.
3. A student will meet with the teacher and/or academic advisor when his/her grade falls below a 'C' and will be required to follow an Individualized Academic Probation Plan. At a minimum, the plan will include mandatory tutoring (2:35-3:30 Monday and Wednesday) until the grade improves to a 'C' or higher.

\*Students who fail a semester core course are required to attend Academic Friday School from 12:15-3:30pm the following semester to make up the credit. Students who fail to attend Academic Friday School are subject to disciplinary action.

\*\*Once enrolled, North Pointe does not accept course credit from other high school or online institutions.

### **Make-up Work:**

If you have an excused absence, it is YOUR responsibility to find out what you missed. I WILL NOT be reminding you. You will have **two** days for every day that you were absent to complete the classwork in that you missed. If you miss a test or a lab then you will make it up when you return during tutoring time. If the absence is unexcused, you will receive a zero for the missed work.

**Semester 1**

**1st Quarter:**

Rocks, Minerals, Weathering

**2nd Quarter:**

Ocean Floor, Ocean Water, Ocean Life

**Semester 2**

**3rd Quarter:**

Atmosphere, Weather, Humans Impact

**4th Quarter:**

Astronomy, Solar System and Beyond, The Sun

**Note to Parents:**

I feel it is essential to have communication with parents throughout the school year. During the year, I will be emailing you if your child is not meeting expectations (grades or behavior) and for positive things as well. This year, I am asking for students to bring in a box of tissues for the class if you are able. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. The best way is through email ([jharrison@pointeschools.org](mailto:jharrison@pointeschools.org)).

After you have read the syllabus, please sign it and have your parents read, sign, and return it to me.

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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_