



New Canaan High School
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Science
Honors Earth Science

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Office Hours: Period 3, 8, and after school most days in room 313. I have 2 classrooms (315 and 313).

Course Description: Honors Earth science is a fast-paced, math-intensive foundational course designed to prepare students for higher level science classes as well as to be engaged citizens with the ability to understand and evaluate current local and global environmental concerns.

Assessment Overview: Quarter grades will be determined approximately as follows:

· Quizzes and tests	55%
· Labs/activities/projects/homework:	35%
· Participation/Behavior/Effort	10%

Midterm and final exam grades will count 20% of the semester grade.

Assignment Expectations: (late, makeup, etc.) Homework will be due at the beginning of class. Homework done in class the day it is due will be considered late. Homework that is submitted late will be downgraded 50%. Anything more than 3 days late will not be graded (given a 0). You are responsible for seeing me about any work you may have missed due to an absence. Normally, work is accepted one day late for every day of excused absence.

- Try not to miss lab days! If you know you will be absent, let me know ahead of time.
- You will not be allowed to make up work due to an unexcused absence (cut).
- Tests or quizzes missed due to an excused absence **MUST** be made up within **ONE** week of your return or the grade will become a zero. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SET UP A TIME TO MAKE UP THE WORK.** You should expect to be required to make up the test or quiz **IN CLASS** on the day you return.

Classroom Expectations: Participation grade starts at an 80% every quarter and is **DYNAMIC** – it can change throughout the quarter.

- It will go up if you show you that you consistently pay attention, do your best and are not distracted by your phone/laptop.
- It will go down if you are consistently talking when I am, distracted by your phone/laptop, distracting others, or are otherwise not fully engaged in class.
- You will not always be working with the same people. Get along and be nice.

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