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**EARTH SCIENCE**

**Grading Policy**

**2023-2024**



**Weekly Class Assignments**

Students will be assigned homework regularly. Homework is meant to reinforce and practice the material being learned in class. Homework may consist of practice, finishing unfinished class work, studying class notes, or reading. All homework is due on the assigned date. **If an assignment is not completed by the assigned date a grade of ZERO will be recorded for that assignment, *until that assignment is completed,* by which time the student may receive up to ½ credit. Any assignment in a topic that is not completed by the day of that topic’s exam will remain a permanent zero. Students can expect 2-3 assignments per week. (Expected time is approximately 20/minutes per assignment)**

**Exams and Quizzes**

Exams and quizzes will be given to assess student’s knowledge of each concept or topic that is studied over no more than a two-week period. If a student pays attention, does their homework and labs; they will have practiced all of the concepts, on the exam, multiple times before the test.

**Laboratory Investigations**

**ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TAKE THE REGENTS EXAM IN JUNE.** New York State mandates that to sit for the Regents Exam each student receive a minimum of 1200 minutes of laboratory activities and submit **satisfactory** reports for each lab exercise that is completed**. There is typically one Laboratory Investigation per week. Satisfactorily completed labs are generally due by the end of school each Friday. Some labs may take longer to complete than others. Most Laboratory Investigations are completed during school in lab class.**

**Quarter and Year Grade Determinations**

The grading system in this class will be based on a point system. Each item of work will be worth a predetermined number of points. All points will be summed to receive a total number of points possible and earned. Each area of work will then be ***weighted*** accordingly to receive a final percentage. Quarter grades will be determined as follows:

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| **Course Grade Determination at End of Year** | |
| **Quarter 1**  **Quarter 2**  **Quarter 3**  **Quarter 4**  **Final Exam (Regents)** | **20 %**  **20 %**  **20 %**  **20 %**  **20 %** |
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| **Quarter Grade Determination** | |
| **Tests & Quizzes**  **Classwork & Assignments**  **Laboratory Exercises** | **50 %**  **30 %**  **20 %** |
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