**6th Grade Earth Science Syllabus**

**Henderson Middle School**

**6th Grade Earth Science**

**Course Syllabus 2021-2022**

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**Planning Periods:** 6th and 7th periods

**Goal:**  The middle school Earth Science course is designed to give all students an overview of common strands in EarthSciences including: Geology, Hydrology, Meteorology, and Astronomy. This course is aligned with the Georgia Performance Standards.

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| **Content:**  Unit 1-The Universe  Unit 2-Inside the Earth  Unit 3-Rocks and Minerals  Unit 4-Water and Earth’s Processes  Unit 5-Weather and Climate | **Grading Weights:**  50% Classwork  % Assessments and Projects  5% Homework and LASSOs  25% Participation |
| **Textbook:**  Georgia Earth Science  Holt, Rhinehart, and Wilson  Copyright 2009 | **Grading Scale:**  90 - 100  A  80 - 89    B  71 - 79    C  70           D  69 and Below F |

**Science Notebook:** The students will keep all assignments for each unit of study in the science section of their binder. The notebook will be used as a study guide for each unit. The notebook will be assessed throughout the year by a series of notebook checks.

**Late Work:**  Late work will be accepted for 3 weeks after assigned. All extended projects will be graded based on the guidelines in the grading rubric for each project.

**Makeup Work Procedure:** If a student must be absent, it is his/her responsibility to obtain make-up work and complete the work. The number of days given for makeup will be determined by number of days absent. If a student needs to make up an assignment that must be completed in the classroom, they should come before school, during homeroom, or during a class break.

**Homework Expectations:** Homework is usually not given daily. But for homework that is assigned (usually once a week is expected to be completed and turned in on time. If student is missing an assignment, they will be able to turn it in

Make-Up day will be once a Month. During this class period, Students that are missing assignments can turn them in for 10 points off a week. (example- Homework assigned on the 1st week of school but not turned in until make-up day, will be assessed at -30 points. 70%-D….hey, it’s better than a 0).

**General Expectations**

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

**Specific Expectations**

Follow all classroom and school procedures

Be prepared for class with all materials

Follow directions the first time given

Raise your hand before speaking or getting up

**Academic Dishonesty:**  Plagiarism, taking someone else’s work and identifying it as your own, is not allowed.  When this occurs, a parent will be contacted and the student will earn a zero. The student may earn a 50 if they acceptably complete the assignment within a week of parent contact.

**Agendas**: Students will bring their agenda to school and home every day so you can monitor their work and any teacher communications. Parents must sign the agendas every day.