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## Earth Science

**Course Description:**

**This is an SOL course and will follow guidelines provided by the Virginia Standards of Learning. Students are required to take the Virginia end of course Earth Science SOL test.** Earth science is the study of the Earth and its neighbors in space. Students will apply problem solving and critical thinking skills to learn about Earth’s composition, structure, processes, atmosphere, freshwater, and oceans. Students will explore natural resources and the human impact on the environment. The scientific method of developing an explanation based on observation, experimentation, models, and evidence will be emphasized.

**Materials Needed:**

* 3 Ring Binder
* Notebook paper *(notes, assignments, etc.)*
* Pencils or Pens
* *Additional materials may be needed for projects and activities*

**Grading Policies:**

This course will utilize a total grading point policy. The grading

period takes all the points from all assignments and adds it

together for a **TOTAL POINTS.** Students will take their points

earned and divide it by points possible to calculate their grades.

Larger assignments will be worth more points than minor

assignments. The total points possible per assignment are at the

teacher’s discretion.

**Makeup/Missed/Late Work Policy:**

Students will have the opportunity to makeup missed work for excused absences. Students will have three days to hand in the missed work. Students that have missed class due to unexcused absences will NOT have the ability to makeup work. Work that is handed in late will receive a grade penalty of 10% off per a day late. Late work will NOT be accepted once the marking period has ended (the end of each 6 week period).

**King George High School HONOR CODE:**

Anyone cheating will receive a zero for that assignment/test, a referral to the office, and parents will be notified. Copying another student’s work is considered cheating!

All students are expected to adhere to the KGHS Honor Code:

“As a member of the student body of King George High School, I pledge that I will strive to be morally honest with myself and with others in thought, word, and deed. I will not participate in, encourage, or condone cheating in any form.”

**2016-2017**

**Grading Scale**

**A 100 - 90**

**B 89 - 80**

**C 79 - 70**

**D 69 - 60**

**F 59 & <**

**Important Dates:**

 Interims Report Cards

 September 2 September 26

 October 14 November 4

 November 29 January 3

 January 25 February 21

 March 13 April 7

 May 5 May 25 (Mailed Home)

**Classroom Rules:**

1. All rules in the student handbook will be strictly enforced.
2. Respect people and property at all times
3. Come prepared to learn. (Use the restroom before class, be well rested, eat breakfast, and bring materials every day!)
4. Be responsible. (take pride in your work and turn assignments in on time. Understand and accept the consequences of your own choices.)
5. Be attentive and Participate in class.
6. Students will be assigned seating during the beginning of the school semester. These seats are permanent for the duration of the semester unless changed by the instructor.
7. Bottle drinks are allowed in the classroom. (the drinks must have a cap)
8. This is a science classroom so food is not suggested in such a setting.
9. Telescopes can only be used with teacher’s permission.
10. **Electronic devices may only be used with the teacher permission.**

**Student Commitments and Responsibilities**

*I WILL:*

*… do my best at all times and follow the teacher’s directions promptly.*

*… be respectful to everyone in the room, including the teacher and myself.*

*… stay on schedule with the curriculum and arrange for help if I need it.*

*… keep my user name and computer password a secret.*

*… not abuse the textbooks or other equipment in the classroom.*

*… have my student ID and Student Agenda in class every day.*

*… be on time to class and in my seat when the bell rings.*

*… abide by the honor code, dress code, and other regulations as listed in the student handbook.*

…Strive for greatness at every opportunity.