



EARTH SCIENCE SYLLABUS

2017-2018

Mr. Sierra



Welcome to Earth Science! This class is required for freshmen – except for those taking Geometry who choose to skip right to Biology. I LOVE exploring, teaching and *learning* about this precious planet. My hope and *expectation* is that we can agree to these policies so that everyone can enjoy a safe and fun learning atmosphere throughout each day this school year. Please **initial the box** to the right of each section, stating you have read, understand and agree to follow these procedures.

Required Materials

- You are required to have **lined paper** and a **writing implement** ready for class every day.
- You need to get a **3-ring binder** (ideally 1-inch thick with clear slip covers) along with a set of **5-tab dividers**. You are responsible to keep all your papers organized. This binder will be checked at least once or twice per quarter and graded for quality and detailed notes.
- ~~Every student is issued a textbook which you will keep at home for regular homework.~~

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Attendance

You are expected to come to class every day and be *on time*. You may be considered tardy if you are not in your seat when the bell rings which may require you to serve a school detention. The bell does not dismiss the class; I do. Please stay in your seats - do not line up at the door.

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Restroom Passes

You will be allowed three restroom “passes” each quarter. You may receive extra credit for any unused passes at the end of each quarter. It is your responsibility to keep track of your pass-card (ideally in your binder); lost restroom passes will not be credited. Once they are all used, students who need to use the restroom must serve equivalent time after school. There will be no passes to the restroom in the first or last 10 minutes of class, so plan ahead!

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Behavior

You are expected to behave in a manner that does not take away from a *safe* and *supportive* classroom learning environment. Here are the consequences for unacceptable behavior:

- 1st occurrence: you will be given a warning and/or told to speak with me after class.
- 2nd occurrence: you will have detention and your parents will be notified.
- 3rd occurrence: you will be sent to the assistant principal with a *referral*.

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Note: Serious violations will be given immediate referrals and sent to the office without warning.

Restrictions

- No gum, food or drinks will be allowed in this classroom (unless being used for a lab).
- Sunglasses, hats, caps and hoods must be removed *before* entering class.
- Cell phones and music players may be used *when permitted*.
- No rough play, foul language, vandalism or throwing objects in class.

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Make-up

If you are absent, it is *your* responsibility to find out what you missed and complete any work that was assigned while you were gone. Assignments will not be accepted after the due dates – unless you had an excused absence. All makeup work is due the following class day (for one-day absences) or within one week of returning to school (for extended absences). See me if you need special arrangements for taking tests or completing assignments – BEFORE they are due.

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Grading

Most of our work will be done in class, and I count participation as a major part of your grade. It is important that you show respect for others and take responsibility for your own work. I reserve the right to modify quarterly grades (e.g.: making an 89% into an A), depending on the amount of effort and cooperation each student shows. *If your overall grade falls below a D, you will be required to attend a tutoring session with Mr. Sierra once a week until it improves.*

Scale:

A 90-100%
B 80-89%
C 70-79%
D 60-69%
F 0-59% - not passing

Break-out:

Participation/Classwork: 25%
Activities/Labs/Projects: 25%
~~Homework: 20%~~
Quizzes/Tests: 40%
Semester Finals: 10%

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All other school policies will be followed. Consult your student handbook and behavior code.

I may be contacted in the following ways:

MR. SIERRA'S SCHEDULE
(every class is in Room I-101)

*Email: **SierraJ@luhsd.net**

Phone: (925) 625-5900 voicemail ext: 3859

* Email is the best way to reach me.
Our phone system is not very reliable.

There will be progress reports and other information that you can access via the internet, so I recommend that parents sign up for **ParentConnect** as soon as possible.

A Days		B Days	
1 st Period	Earth Science	5 th Period	AP Env. Science
2 nd Period	Earth Science	6 th Period	AP Env. Science
3 rd Period	Prep	7 th Period	AP Env. Science
4 th period	AP Env. Science	8 th Period	Prep

This syllabus, class assignments and other important information for this class may be found on my teacher web page. Please take a look and bookmark this address when you have a chance:

<http://luhsd.net/sierraj>

(Student: fold this page along the perforation as a reminder to bring it back, but do not separate it until your parent/guardian has signed this form.)

Detach & Return

Please print and sign your name below to acknowledge that you have read and understand the class policy on this syllabus.

Student: _____ (PRINT legibly) _____ (Sign Here) Period: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ (PRINT) _____ (Sign Here)

Parent's email: _____ phone number: _____

Be sure the student returns this signed form to me for credit. *Yes, it is worth points.*
If you have any questions, comments or important information regarding your student, feel free to write on the back of this form or send me an email: sierraj@luhsd.net. Thank you.