

Earth Science: Physical Setting - Room 201

Welcome to Earth science! I'm looking forward to working with you this year. The course covers topics in Geology, Meteorology, Astronomy, and Oceanography. The Regents exam consists of multiple choice, constructed response, extended constructed response and a performance exam (Lab practical). We have had great success with our students in the past and anticipate that this will continue.

This course will be a lot of work for most students but the challenges of completing an advanced level Regents course in Middle School can have a great effect on a student's attitude and self-esteem. If you have any questions, please contact me at any time throughout the school year. The phone number for the main office is 992-1100. My prep period is 3rd period, which is the best time for contact. If you prefer you can email me at kabbott@bellmore-merrick.k12.ny.

Grading Policy

Grades for each quarter will be based on the following components.

1. Test Average – (1st MP = 30%)
2. Quiz Average – (1st MP = 20%)
3. Labs – (1st MP = 35%)
4. Free Response and Online HW (graded) – (1st MP = 7%)
5. Homework – (1st MP = 4 %)
6. Time Lapse Video Project – (1st MP = 3%)

During the 4th marking period a Regents review component will be included. Each marking period the percentage for each one of these categories will change. At the beginning of the year the labs will be a larger percentage of the grade. As the year goes on the Lab percentage will decrease and the test and quiz percentage will increase.

All graded assignments will be posted on Infinite Campus and can be accessed through the portal.

Extra credit assignments **will rarely** be given during the school year. The students have more than enough work to complete during the course and should spend their time on the regular assignments.

Books

Text: AMSCO – Earth Science – Physical Setting

Students will purchase a copy of the Prentice Hall Brief Review in Earth Science / Physical Setting review book. When they receive the book they can highlight and work directly in the book. There are 6 complete Regents Exams that we will use for review at the end of the year. It will be an invaluable resource throughout the year. We will be collecting money quickly so that we can get the books as soon as possible.

Many students also purchase a copy of the Red and Blue Barrons review books for Earth Science. These books can be used to practice additional Regents questions. Additional practice exams as well as other class materials are found on our websites.

Websites <http://abbottscience.weebly.com/> (Class Website)

<http://abbottearthscience.weebly.com/> (Flipped Video Website)

<http://bridesonscience.weebly.com/> (Mr. Brideson's Website)

Remind, Testwizrd, and Google Classroom

Students will be using all 3 of these online resources for announcements, information, and assignments. Information will be provided in class about how to access these resources.

Lab Requirement

Students will work on lab reports both during regular class time, lab periods and at home. There is no separate grade for our lab period.

New York State requires that students complete at least 30 hours of satisfactory lab reports. We normally complete at least 45 labs during the year. If the students do not complete the labs they will be barred from the Regents exam in June. All lab reports will be collected and kept on file in the classroom as required by the State Education Department.

Extra-Help

Extra help will be held Wednesday morning at 7:26 AM. After school extra help will be available Monday and Thursday from 2:46 pm to 3:11 pm.

Course Materials

The following list is materials that are needed for Earth Science:

1. One Three-Ring Binder. (Can be shared with other classes), Students should have a section for notes and a section for Triangle Sheets (Vocabulary).
2. One Folder to keep quizzes, tests and labs in.
3. Calculator (The graphing calculators for math **cannot** be used for Regents exam in science)
4. Pens (blue and black ink only) and Pencils

The following materials are recommended but not required.

- Hole-punch
- Ruler
- Hi-liter(s)
- Graph Paper
- Barrons review book (Red and/or Blue) for Earth Science/Physical Setting

I look forward to working with your student this year. Please sign the sheet below indicating that you have read and reviewed these expectations and grading procedures with your child.

I have read and reviewed the course expectations and grading procedures with my child.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian e-mail _____

Parent or Guardian phone number(s) _____

Student Signature _____ # _____ Date _____ Period _____