


8th Grade Earth Science at Barnesville Public School


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 **Course Description:** 8th grade earth science is a broad-based study of our physical world and beyond. Major course units are based upon MN State Science Standards and include: scientific inquiry, metric measurement, geology, earth's history, meteorology and astronomy. Earth science coursework involves a variety of activities including: laboratory work and activities, individual and group assignments, projects, discussions, tests and quizzes.

 **Course Materials:** *Earth Science- Holt, Rinehart, and Winston*

1. Notebook (for this class only)
2. Folder
3. Pencil and pen
4. Book (covered by next Monday)
5. iPad
6. Energy, brain power, confidence, and a positive attitude

****DON'T Bring purses,
backpacks. bags. etc.**

 **Policies and Procedures:**

Behavior Expectations

Students are expected to follow school, classroom and lab safety rules. Four key classroom expectations are:

1. **Be on time!**
2. **Be ready** for class. Have all class materials finished and with you as you enter class. Each day a short warm-up activity will be posted in the classroom. Make sure you are in your seat working on it when class is beginning.
3. **Be respectful.** This applies not only your classmates, but also to staff and the building/classroom. Respect others and their choice to have different values and perspectives.
4. **Be responsible.** You are now an 8th grade student and are required to act in an appropriate manner. You are responsible for your choices.
5. **DO THE RIGHT THING.** If this rule is followed no others are truly needed.

Food/Drink----Water bottles are allowed at the desk. For lab safety reasons, no food is allowed in the classroom. When using the computers in the room or in the computer lab no food or drink is allowed.

Hall Passes----Time spent out of class is lost learning time! Students have enough time between classes to use the bathroom, get a drink, and gather all the materials needed for class. Students get 3 passes per quarter. Extra credit will be given for any unused passes at the end of the quarter.

Grading----Students will be evaluated on: in-class activities, participation, homework assignments, quizzes, projects, labs, daily work and tests.

REMEMBER: It is not my job to give you a grade; it is YOUR job to EARN the grade that I record for you!

Point % Breakdown

75% Tests & Quizzes

20% Homework, in-class assignments, labs, projects

5% Participation

Remember: Regardless of your past experiences in science **I expect each and every student in my classroom to be successful.** If you ever need help or have a question of any kind don't hesitate to ask me. I always have time to help my students.

Grading Scale

A	94-100
A-	90-93
B+	87-89
B	84-86
B-	80-83
C+	77-79
C	74-76
C-	70-73
D+	67-69
D	64-66
D-	60-63
F	59 ↓

- **Test retake Policy:** Each student will be allowed only one test retake per semester. You are responsible for choosing when/if you would like to use it.
- **Laboratory:** Throughout the year we will do labs that illustrate the concepts talked about in class. Most of the time, if you miss class you will not be able to make the lab up and will have to complete an alternate assignment. Sometimes it may be possible to make up the lab.
- **Assignment due dates:** The intent of assignments is to provide all students with an opportunity to practice concepts learned in class. Assignments often will be discussed in class, therefore, completion by the due date is very important. All homework assignments are due at the beginning of class. Late work will be automatically given a grade of 50%. Late work and/or failing to turn in assignments will lower a student's overall unit grade.

Absences/ Make-Up Work----You are now 8th graders and will be expected to assume a larger responsibility for your own education. You are responsible for being proactive and finding out and completing the assignments, lab work, etc. you missed as a result of your absence. You are also responsible for completing any missed work in a timely manner. If you have further questions or need to schedule a time to make up labs, tests, etc, you should talk to me on your first day back at school. You can pick up assignments in the "while you were out" bin.

Parent/Guardian Communication and Involvement----Parents/Guardians are encouraged to become active participants in their child's education. In addition, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns either through email or telephone.

Online Resources:

→**Mr. Strand's website:** From the school's main page click on the high school, then classrooms, then Mr. Strand

Earth Science assignment #1: (due date:_____)

I have read through and reviewed Mr. Strand's 8th grade earth science syllabus with my parent/guardian.

Student Name (please print): _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please write in both but circle your preferred form of contact.

Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone: _____