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Welcome to Modified Environmental Systems at Newman Smith High School! NSHS is committed to providing an excellent program. We will learn the principles of environmental science systems, and review the principles of biology, chemistry, and physics during this year long course.

Supplies: Each student should bring the following supplies:

- ✓ pencils with an eraser
- ✓ pens
- ✓ a box of tissues brought into the class to share sometime during the year
- ✓ Paper to write on
- ✓ several different colored highlighters

It would be helpful to have the following:

- ✓ 1 inch 3-ring binder with dividers and pocket inserts
- ✓ loose-leaf notebook paper
- ✓ colored pencils or markers
- ✓ red pen for grading papers
- ✓ school appropriate supplemental reading materials, such as magazines or paperback books

Grading:

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| Formative | 40% | (This includes daily work, homework, and test reviews). |
| Summative | 60% | (This includes unit tests, and math projects). |

Timed tests will be given to help students prepare for college expectations.

Homework reading and writing essays will be assigned.

Progress Reports/Report Cards: Every student will receive a 3-week progress report and a 9-week report card. Please call the school or check with your student to find out progress/report card dates.

Failing Grades: If a student is failing at progress report time, I will use a phone call or email to notify his or her parent/guardian. Be aware that failing grades can prevent a student from participating in sports and other UIL activities.

Daily Work and Homework: All work is expected to be neat, organized, and legible. Newman Smith will be emphasizing writing in all classes this year.