

Massaponax High School  
Course Syllabus: 2007 - 2008

**Title:** Advanced Earth Science  
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 (Student must arrange for transportation)

**Course Description:**

In Advanced Earth Science, the students explore the four areas of Geology, Meteorology, Astronomy, and Oceanography. They are required to learn the latest concepts developed in explaining the complex natural forces controlling the earth in terms of our weather, the oceans, crustal processes, and space exploration. Emphasis is put on the students' inductive reasoning powers to lead them to a more thorough understanding of the Earth Sciences. Lab, lab reports, use of graphs, and a formal project will challenge the students and enrich their pursuit of knowledge of our dynamic earth. There will be a SOL exam at the completion of this course.

**Expectations:**

1. Be seated in your assigned seat when the bell rings.
2. Have all materials on your desk at the start of class.
  - Notebooks, worksheets, pens/pencils.
3. Remain in your seat unless given permission otherwise.
4. Raise your hand before speaking and wait to be called on.
5. Respect your teacher and your classmates at all times. This includes but is not limited to the following:
  - Follow directions given by your teacher.
  - Use school appropriate language.
  - Do not touch others belongings.
6. Any behavior that reduces the ability for the teacher to teach and the students to learn is unacceptable and will be handled with disciplinary action.

**Attendance:**

1. Students are responsible for bringing in a note from a parent or guardian in order to receive an excused absence from school or a class. Notes may be taken to commons B in the morning to receive an admit pass that will be signed by each of the students teachers.
2. Students will pick up any missed assignments in a folder designated with their name. Class notes will be made up on their own.
3. Students have three consecutive days to make up assignments for full credit upon their return to class. **Ex:** If you return on Tuesday, make-up work is due Friday of that week.
4. Any late work will be penalized 10% for each day late; up to 50%

**Tardy to class:**

1. Students who are tardy (late) to class without a proper note from a teacher or guidance counselor will be subject to the following disciplinary action:
 

First time	Warning
Second time	Second Warning
Third time	3 hour administrative detention
Fourth time +	One day In-School Suspension (ISS)