

Earth Science Syllabus

(To be read by student and parent)

The complete list of classroom procedures can be found on the class web site

<http://mhs.wcpss.net/teachers/murphy/earthscience>

Guidelines for Success – It takes **PREPARATION – RESPONSIBILITY – INTEGRITY – DEDICATION and EFFORT** to be successful.

GRADING – Your final grade will reflect what you have learned, not what you have completed!

- Quarter grades will be calculated from formative assignments ((50%- labs, classwork, notebook, quizzes, homework) and summative assignments (50% - tests, projects, mid-term exam)
- Grades posted regularly on **SPAN**, accessible by you and your parent/guardian
- Grade disbursement - A= 93-100 B=85-92 C=77-84 D=70-76 F= < 70
- Grade reports – interims are distributed every three weeks, report cards every nine weeks
- See **intervention plan (SIP)** below

SUPPLIES

Three-ring binder, pencils and pens, basic calculator, loose-leaf paper and Earth Science textbook....and an active brain. **Class will not be delayed for unprepared students.**

Laboratory Fee – Each student enrolled in Earth Science should submit **\$5.00** to cover necessary non-reusable lab supplies and equipment. Please make checks payable to Millbrook High School and attach to **INFORMATION FORM** accompanying this sheet.

HELP!

- Mr. Murphy is available before and after school and during **all lunch periods, by appointment.**
- There are 7 Earth Science teachers; all are available to help you succeed.
- EARTH SCIENCE DEPARTMENT TUTORING SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL
- Students and teachers can reach me at bmurphy@wcpss.net, or leave a message at 850-8787. Students – if you are home sick PLEASE feel free to email me for work, and also check web site, <http://mhs.wcpss.net/teachers/murphy/earthscience>
- See **intervention plan (SIP)** below

ABSENCES

Upon your return to class **check make-up crate AND check in with Mr. Murphy.**

Be sure to follow proper school procedure (found in handbook) for excused absences.

1. Official absent slip should be on my desk **before** the bell rings.
2. **Test or lab** missed must be made up AFTER school or during lunch period.
3. If you were present for test announcement, but absent day before test, **come prepared to test** first day back!
4. Make-up is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**; I will not make a habit of reminding you. Be careful not let it pile up on you.
5. Unexcused absences – see MHS policy in handbook

MAKE-UP POLICY – for Millbrook Earth Science classes

Formative assignments (tests, mid-term exam): completed before the end of following unit for full credit

Summative assignments (labs, class work, notebooks, quizzes, homework) : All late work must be completed by the end of the current unit for a max grade of 85%. Anything turned in after the end of the unit will receive a max grade of 50%.

PARENTS

We need your help!

- Please ask your student about their school work often
- Students will have homework almost every night.
- Check our web site for class procedures, schedule and class news

mhs.wcpss.net/teachers/murphy/earthscience

**Interim Grades should be checked on SPAN (<https://span.wcpss.net>)
 ***** (paper copies by request only)
 Sept.11, Oct. 2, Nov. 13, Dec. 4, Jan. 8**

- Student MUST bring in a note signed by you explaining **every absence** from class. This note must be taken to the attendance office before 1st Block.
- Students may not check out without your permission, and MUST check out through the attendance office

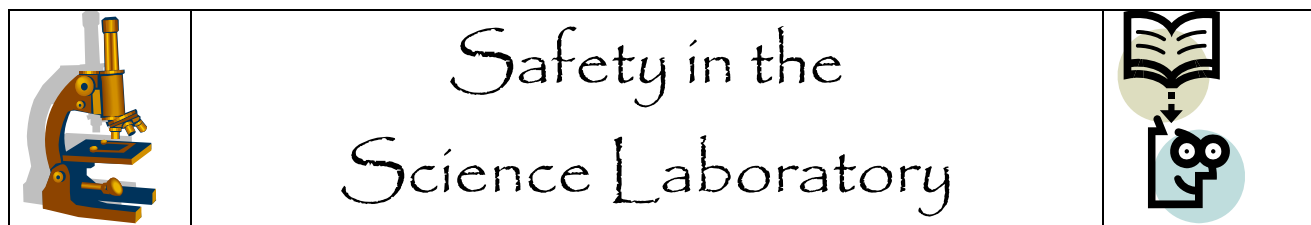
**Earth
Science**



**Intervention
Plan**

Parents will be contacted at **STEP TWO**

STEP ONE	Student scores more than one "D" or "F" on Quiz or Test	Conference with Student – discuss strategies, habits, review test/quiz results
STEP TWO	Low performance continues	Parent/Guardian contacted – discuss strategies
STEP THREE	Low performance continues	Mandatory Tutoring – with parent contact and contract
STEP FOUR	Low performance continues	Teacher—parent—student Conference is scheduled.
STEP FIVE	Low performance continues	Referral to MHS Intervention Plan



In order to decrease the chances of any accident occurring in the science lab, all students and visitors must follow the safety rules and procedures listed below.

1. Horseplay, running, pushing and practical jokes are not permitted.
2. Never EAT or DRINK in the laboratory.
3. All work surfaces must be cleaned after each use and prior to leaving the lab. Keep your desk and floor area clean at all times.
4. Broken and chipped glass should never be used.
5. Never try to pick up broken glass. The teacher should clean it up.
6. Always wash your hands after lab exercises. Never put your fingers, pencils, pens, or any equipment used in the lab into your mouth.
7. Note the locations of the following: fire extinguisher, eye wash/ shower, and fire blanket
8. Report all injuries to the teacher immediately! Don't be afraid to tell the teacher of an accident.
9. Follow your teacher's directions at all times.
10. Do not handle equipment unless you have permission to do so.
11. Preparation prevents accidents and improves performance – READ your lab directions TWICE before beginning any activity.

Now that you have read the class rules and lab safety guidelines you must sign the verification form on the Earth Science Information sheet. Keep this rules sheet in your notebook for future reference, and to study for Test #1.