

## Mrs. Ayler's Earth Science Course Disclosure

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### ***Ranger PRIDE***

I believe learning can be fun, and as long as everyone in the class follows the norms and has PRIDE

**Perseverance** (Don't give up when things get tough!)

**Respect** (Treat people how you want to be treated)

**Integrity** (Do the right thing, even when no one is watching)

**Diversity** (We are all unique! Celebrate our differences)

**Excellence** (Always strive to reach your personal best! We can ALL improve!)

### ***Consequences for choosing not to have Ranger PRIDE:***

1. Verbal Warning
2. 10-minute check in before or after school and a phone call home
3. Detention or Further Consequences based on severity and PHS policy.

\*\*I retain the right to change the procedure for consequences for behaviors that require such.

***Materials:*** There are certain materials I expect you to have in class EVERY DAY!

1. A learning attitude and an open mind.
2. Earth Science binder with paper and 5 tab dividers. **I recommend a very large one!**
3. Earth Science Textbook (must always be covered)
4. Pencil or Pen (Blue or Black Ink)
5. Completed homework and assignments

***Bathroom:*** You will receive 3 bathroom passes per quarter. If you use all of them, then you will not be permitted to leave the room. If you have any left over at the end of the quarter, they will be worth 3 Ranger Rewards each.

***Tardies:*** A student is considered tardy if they arrive after the door has closed. If you arrive late, you must go to the attendance office and be escorted to class. Even if your tardy is excused, if you are late, I will NOT open the door for you. You must go to the office.

***Absences and Make-Up Work:*** Make up work from an absence is YOUR responsibility. I will not chase you. Please check the make-up work folder to get your missed items and check with me. You will get 2 days for every EXCUSED absence to turn things back in. I will update Infinite Campus frequently with expected due dates in the comments. Always read flags. Any work missed during an excused absence will be marked as "Missing" until it is turned in, at which point will be graded for full credit. Unexcused absences will result in a zero for any work from that day.

***Turning in Work:*** Homework is an important part of the learning process. It is required that it is turned in on time, at the beginning of the class period on the day that it is due. I understand, however, that certain things can happen regarding schedules, understanding of the assignment, etc. that can inhibit our ability to always turn in completed work. Therefore, if at least 25% of the work is attempted in a quality way, I will accept it as an "on time" grade. Then, once returned, the student can make corrections on it, for up to 100% credit back. **All corrections must be done by the Unit Exam!**

If an assignment is not turned in on time, it will be marked as a zero. Then, students will be required to attend Peer Tutoring after school, where they can work with a tutor on the mistakes they made or get

help with questions they still have. They can then turn in their work for 50% credit. I will not accept any missing assignment more than 2 weeks past the original due date (that gives you 6 Peer Tutoring opportunities to get it made up!)

**Demonstrating Character/Ranger Rewards** I will reward “Ranger Rewards” whenever I see someone demonstrating good character. You will save these Ranger Rewards until the end of each Quarter (You are solely responsible for them), and then you can turn them in for extra credit. Each Ranger Reward will be worth 1 point of extra credit and will be placed in the “Labs” category of the gradebook. Note: This will be the ONLY type of extra credit that I will offer.

**Assessments:** If you are absent for an assessment, you must plan on taking the assessment the day you return (I reserve the right to adjust this on a case by case trial). Corrections can be made to quizzes for 50% credit back, but there will NOT be corrections allowed on Unit Exams.

**Food and Drink:** Food and Drink will be allowed, if it does not become a problem or a distraction, and ONLY in the lecture area of the classroom – not the Lab Stations. Students are responsible for cleaning up any mess that their food or drink may cause.

**Cell Phones:** Cell phones will NOT be permitted in my classroom. Please leave them in your locker. If I see any EVIDENCE of a cell phone it will be confiscated and turned into the office.

**Grading:** Assignments and Assessments will be placed into one of three weighted categories:

- Exams and Projects: 30%
- Quizzes: 30%
- Labs and Activities: 30%
- Homework and Daily Work: 10%

All assignments and assessments will be entered as percentages (points out of 100) to make the grade calculation more accurate.

**Open Communication:** I believe that open communication teachers is the best way to help students be successful. I will send out a weekly newsletter to inform parents and students about upcoming assignments and assessments. I also have a website which is constantly updated with digital work, the plan for the week, and reminders: <https://ayler13.wixsite.com/mrsaylerscience>

**Student Handbook:** I will uphold all the rules and regulations of the PHS student handbook and will deliver consequences as established by PHS when appropriate.

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I, (print your name) \_\_\_\_\_ have read Mrs. Ayler’s Classroom Expectations and have shared them with my parents. I agree to follow the expectations of the classroom in order to maintain a positive learning environment.

Student Signature:

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Parent/Guardian Signature:

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