

Earth Systems

Mr. Anderson

Policy Statement:

This is an invitation to succeed. You have enrolled in an Earth Systems course and you have many avenues that will help you be successful this year. You have the text, which all of the tests are directly taken from this resource. You have the internet for research and review. I am also a resource to help you learn. I have implemented a web site that is full of things to assist you. Most of your homework is located there as well as vocabulary sheets (which will prove to be your best help for tests).

My site is located at www.wildgooseco.com and then you can follow the links to Mr. Anderson's Science. You can also access my school web page from Millard High's Teacher page.

GRADES

It is my intention to implement a policy that is fair to all and in line with school policy. Therefore, breakdown will be as follows:

A --->	93% or better	C -->	73%
A- -->	90%	C- -->	70%
B+ -->	87%	D+ -->	67%
B -->	83%	D -->	63%
B- -->	80%	D- -->	60%
C+ -->	77%		below 60% will not pass

Approximate grade standing will be posted on Power Grade and I encourage you to be aware of the student grade. **NOTE:** These are only approximates and will vary as the term comes to a close.

Student performance will be evaluated as follows:

Exams, 100 points each.	Value - 70% of quarter grade
(approx. four per term)	
Quizzes, homework, and labs.	Value - 30% of quarter grade
10 points for each on-time assignment	

Copying other students work will result in a zero for both assignments, but I do encourage students to work together on assignments.

In holding with department policy, a **final exam** will be given at the end of the year. This will constitute about 10% of the fourth term grade.

Makeup Work

Makeup work is allowed only in the event of excused absences - and then only within 2 days of your return to the class. Late assignments will only be worth half credit, but will not be accepted after the assignment is more than two weeks past due. An assignment is considered late if it is not complete at the beginning of the class. I will be available for help every day from 7:30 to 8:00 and again at 2:45 to 3:00. If you to complete a lab or take a test, this is the only time that I will be available for this.

Attendance and Citizenship Policy

Citizenship will be calculated in the following manor: If you have no tardies or absences during the quarter, you will receive an additional 2% to your grade at the end of the term. If, however, you are absent/tardy, you will not receive this, and will receive an "S" for citizenship. You will receive an "N" for the 2nd tardy/absence with a drop of 2% in your grade, and a "U" for the third with an additional 2% drop and 2% drop for each additional absence/tardy. Please, DO NOT BE TARDY OR ABSENT from my class. (School excused and pre-arranged absences will not be a factor in the grades)

Other factors that may influence citizenship grades: talking while instruction is being given, improper attitude or disruptive behavior, cheating, lack of active participation in the lab, tardiness, late work, and absences, and ***non-school related absences***.

Expectations

You are expected to be in your assigned seat at the time of the bell and ready to go to work. There will be no trips to the locker, pencil sharpener, or rest rooms.

You will do well to stay current in my class. In the event of an absence, plan ahead and read the sections that we will be covering during your absence.

Most assignments for the class can be downloaded from my website at www.millard.k12.ut.us/schools/mhs/cyber/index.html.

You will need to provide a notebook and pencils, as well as bringing your book to class every day.

Earth Systems is a team effort and therefore you may be asked to work with a partner from time to time. **Each student, however, is required to hand in a separate copy of each assignment.**

Rewards

In addition, for handing in all homework completed and on time you will receive an additional 2% on your grade at the end of the quarter.

Student signature

Parent signature

To the Parents

Please feel free to contact me concerning your student and how we can work together to help them learn. I would like you to encourage your student to spend a minimum of ½ hour per night on science. Encourage them to stay current and complete all assignments on time. I am here for help when they need it or when you would like to visit about your student. I can be reached at 743-5610 (the school) or at pete.Anderson@m.millard.k12.ut.us and will try to give a timely response.

In addition, I have a website that contains most of the homework assignments. It is www.millard.k12.ut.us/schools/mhs/cyber/index.html or you can go to the MHS website and follow the links to Mr. Anderson's web page.

I appreciate the opportunity to be part of your child's education and hope we can work together to help them be successful.

Thank you,
Mr. Anderson

P.S. Please keep this in a place that is handy to remind you of my web address for students homework when they miss my class.