

Palmer Ridge High School



Earth Science

Ignite, Engage, Encourage, and Expect Excellence



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Availability:	Before & after school	Before & after school	Before & after school

Course Objectives

Welcome to Earth Science! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready to begin a new school year. I am looking forward to working with all of you at Palmer Ridge!

My goal is to have you enjoy science and show you how scientific thinking and processes have real life applications to the world around you. I have high expectations that each of you will come to class prepared and with an open mind, determined to master the material. In return, you can expect my complete support and guidance throughout the semester as we learn about our planet. I am here to help you be successful!

Required Materials

- three-ring binder and/or folder for all work
- lined paper
- graph paper (optional)
- Basic or Scientific calculator
- Colored pencils
- Pencil sharpener (for colored pencils)
- 1 box of tissues
- Textbook

Grading

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| ● Assignments (Lab Reports, Binder Checks, Classwork) | 40% |
| ● Assessments (Quizzes & Tests) | 60% |

Important Part: The final exam is worth 20% of the TOTAL semester grade. Therefore, all of the assignments, lab reports, binder checks, participation points, and assessments comprise 80% of the TOTAL semester grade.

The teacher reserves the right to amend or adjust the content and policies at any time. Prior notification will be given to students. It is the student's responsibility to discuss the changes with their parent/guardian.

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Make Up Policy

- YOU are responsible for making up all missed work and tests within the guidelines as explained in the PRHS Student Handbook.
- Write the word “ABSENT” at the top of the work once it is completed. If you fail to write “ABSENT” at the top of the work, I will assume you were in school and count it as a late assignment.
- If you are absent for a review, you will still take the test on the assigned date.
- Make up assessments are located in the testing center (bring your student ID) to be taken on your time. Your make up assessment may be different than the one given in class. If you know you will be absent for an assessment, I highly encourage you to arrange to take it prior to your absence.
- All assignments are due at the beginning of class (when the bell rings) and are considered late if submitted after the bell rings. You will receive 50% credit for any late work.
- Late work will be accepted until the day of the test. Once the test has been given, I will no longer accept late work for that unit.

NOTE: It is YOUR responsibility to communicate with me regarding absences.

There is NO extra credit.

Classroom Behavior

Talking during a lecture, sleeping, misuse of class or lab materials, or distracting classmates will not be tolerated. Students who cannot conduct themselves appropriately will be removed.

Additionally:

- Food and Drink: Only covered water bottles will be permitted in the classroom. No other drink will be allowed.
- Electronic devices: Absolutely NO electronic devices (other than your basic calculator) or accessories are permitted in class unless I have given you permission to use them in an educational manner. Any devices used without permission will be confiscated and may be collected from the office at the end of the day.
- Cosmetics and grooming supplies: You look great already! Please do not use these in class.
- Restrooms: Passes will be issued on an emergency basis only. No student may leave the room in the first or last 10 minutes of class OR during an assessment.
- Please remain seated until I dismiss you. Do not pack up early.
- There is absolutely no talking during assessments. Failure to follow this direction will result in a loss of points or a zero on the assessment.

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Dishonesty

Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in no credit for the assignment, exam, quiz or lab. Parents/guardians will be notified immediately, and further action may be taken.

Student Assistance

Any student who requires additional help with an assignment, understanding content, or needs to speak with me should see me before or after school, during my planning periods, or send me an email to set up an appointment. Please let me know when you want to come in so I can make sure I am available. I am here to help!

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PRHS Earth Science Student Contract

Student Name (Please Print)

Section A – Classroom Rules and Expectations

Please sign below indicating you have read and discussed the classroom policies and expectations, including the paragraph on academic dishonesty.

✘ _____
Student Signature

Date: _____

✘ _____
Parent/Guardian Signature

Phone #: _____

Section B – Laboratory Safety Contract

I, the undersigned student, have carefully read and fully understand the Rules of Laboratory Conduct. In signing this contract, I will:

- 1) follow these rules and practices in the laboratory;
- 2) observe additional instructions given by the teacher;
- 3) conduct myself in a mature, responsible manner while in the laboratory;
- 4) know the location and use of all laboratory safety equipment;
- 5) contact the teacher in the event of any accident or injury; and
- 6) abide by safety regulations set forth by the Palmer Ridge High School Science Department.

Student Statement: By signing below, I am verifying that I have read and understand the science laboratory Safety Procedures and Rules, and hereby always agree to abide by them while in the laboratory.

✘ *Student Signature:* _____

Parent/Guardian Statement: I have read and understand the Science Laboratory Safety procedures and hereby offer my cooperation in urging my student named above observes the safety instructions set forth.

✘ *Parent/Guardian Signature:* _____

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