



Deer Valley Unified School District No. 97

BOULDER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL
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Course: **Earth Science/Honors Earth Science/AP Environmental Science**
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Name/Class Hour _____ / _____
Student Signature _____
Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Course Description

Earth and Environmental sciences are inquiry based using a variety of learning methods including notes, reading, videos, hands on demonstrations/labs and class discussions. All courses are taught in alignment with the state or AP College Board standards or framework.

Grading Policy

The following grading scale will be used: 100% to 90%-A, 89% to 80%-B, 79% to 70%-C, 69% to 60%-D, 59% to 50%-F, 49%-F/no evidence/zero. Class weighting: 80% test/quiz & 20% homework/classwork.

Powerschool Access

All grades and attendance information can be found on Powerschool. This is your official grade, not Canvas. All grades are automatically rounded by PS. No rounding of grades will be done manually. Grades sync overnight from Canvas to Powerschool.

Adherence to the Boulder Creek Academic Integrity Code

DVUSD has determined that the use of Large Language Models (LLMs), such as ChatGPT, is prohibited unless clearly specified by your teacher. Specific guidelines will be provided in the assignment details. If you are unsure if the tool or website you are using is an LLM or if it is permitted on a specific assignment, please contact your teacher before submitting your work.

Any student caught cheating from the first offence on, in any form as well as sending or receiving, will score a zero. This is a zero tolerance policy. Infractions can result in office referrals and suspensions. Examples of what cheating looks like will be provided in class

Make-Up Work/Redoing work

All work assigned (excluding long term projects) is due the same day. Late/absent work not turned in by the due date will be marked missing with a zero until it is turned in and scored as normal. Students have until the unit test to turn in all work for that unit. Once the unit test has been given, the assignments will close and will not be reopened. All classwork/homework can be done a second time for corrections for full credit. Test/quizzes can be retaken only if all work for the unit is complete. Test/quiz retakes will be during flex time for two weeks following the test/quiz.

Materials

Charged iPad, notes and something to write with. APES-3 Ring binder for materials/notes that can be used to study for the exam. Tests/quizzes will not be taken on anything other than a school issued iPad. Science equipment is provided for labs and activities. Students who are negligent when handling materials can be charged for damage.

Canvas

All class materials will be provided on Canvas. Almost all or all assignments will be turned in on Canvas from your iPad or other device. Check Canvas daily for assignments, notes and class materials, especially when you are absent.

Parents/Guardians can have their own Canvas accounts to follow their students. Set up information will emailed. This is the best way to monitor student work and is highly encouraged.

Attendance

It is our goal to help your student learn habits to prepare him/her for a lifetime of success. Prompt attendance at school is an important lesson for us to teach all students. In high school, all absences count, whether they are excused or unexcused. Students are earning credit and are required to be in class a certain amount of time to earn the credit hours. Loss of credit may occur upon reaching any combination of 12 excused or unexcused absences. **New tardy policy: If your child is tardy to first hour, and not excused, they will have lunch detention the same day.**

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