Course Objectives

Physical Geography is a survey course, providing an introduction to the broad field of physical geography. The contemporary approach to physical geography education emphasizes the nature of earth systems and their interactions with each other and with humans, ecological patterns, environmental issues, and the limitations that the physical world places on human activities and, in turn, the impact of human activities on the physical world. When considered within this new approach, the study of physical geography is both timely and relevant in view of the global challenges facing humankind on Planet Earth.

Course Outline

Unit 1 – The Earth: A Vibrant Planet
Unit 2 – The Ground Beneath our Feet: Understanding the Lithosphere
Unit 3 – The Water all Around: Understanding the Hydrosphere
Unit 4 – The Air Above: Understanding the Atmosphere
Unit 5 – All That is Living: Understanding the Biosphere

Course Materials

Coiled notebook or binder with loose leaf

Course Assessment and Evaluation

Achievement

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Learning Behaviours

Personal Management Skills: Uses class time effectively; works independently; completes homework and assignments on time.

Active Participation in Learning: Participates in class activities; self-assesses; sets learning goals.

Social Responsibility: Works well with others; resolves conflicts appropriately; respects self, others and the environment; contributes in a positive way to communities.
• Exam is mandatory. Exam date will be posted in January.

• All hand-in assignments are due at the **end of the day** unless otherwise stated.

• Tests that are corrected and signed by parent or guardian will receive an additional 2%.

• If a student is absent on the day of a test or assignment due date, it is expected that the student will write the test or submit the assignment on the day they return, unless otherwise arranged.

• Academic honesty is expected from all students. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated.

• Information regarding due dates, test dates, and other class information will also be done through Remind101. If you wish to receive these updates, text @geo30s to (581)-333-0267 or email geo30s@mail.remind.com with the subject line blank.

*Affirmation*

Understanding the requirements of this course is important for being successful.

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Student Name                                    Parent/Guardian Signature