

OHHS Science Department

Course Syllabus



Course Name: Environmental Science

Course Code: SCO201

Course Description: Environmental Science is a one semester course. Our curriculum states that students will use real-world case studies, current data and a wide range of inquiry activities, Environmental Science: Your World, Your Turn puts the world in context by empowering students to take an active role in their learning and the world they live in.

Prerequisites

Successful completion of one semester of Biology.

Course Resources

- Environmental Science; Your World Your Turn. Jay Withgott, 2011

Course Outline/Instructional Units

- Earth's water Resources – Focusing on availability of freshwater and maintaining clean water in order to sustain the needs of the planet
- The Atmosphere – How can we ensure everyone has clean air to breath?
- Renewable Energy- Explore the benefits and current status of renewable energy

Major Assessments

Assessments may include: unit exams; one cumulative final at the end of the Semester, a minimum of one complete formal lab report or project for each quarter.

OHHS Grading Scale – School Wide

Weighted Categories

Letter Grade	Percentage	Category	Percentage of overall grade
A	93% and above	Assessments	60%
B	83% - 87%	Daily Work	40%
B-	80% - 82%		
C+	78% - 79%		
C	73% - 77%		
C-	70% - 72%		
D+	68% - 69%		
D	60% - 67%		
F	59% and below		

Re-Do Policy – School Wide

OHHS is an effort based school where we believe all students can learn. We also know that students learn at different rates. Thus, we implement a re-do policy that recognizes the needs of individual learners.

- 100% Re-do
 1. Assessments (with exception of the Final semester exam)
- Teachers may:
 1. Require completion of supporting assignments prior to re-do opportunities for students to show they can meet the standard.
 2. Require students to complete re-do of work outside of class time.
 3. Limit the number of re-do opportunities for each assignment.
 4. Assign zero grades when students choose not to do key assignments and/or assessments to standard.
 5. Have different requirements for late work.
- All opportunities will come with a deadline as assigned by the teacher.

Late Work Policy – This Classroom

- Practice work – may be turned in up to the end of the unit for reduced credit.
- Assessments – student should make effort to make up within one week. Make other arrangements with the teacher if necessary.
 1. This includes labs and projects.
 2. Student can earn up to 100% if the assessment is completed in the classroom.
- All work must be completed by the end of a unit. Revision of work will not be permitted from one quarter to the next.

Absences – This Classroom

- If you are absent it is your responsibility to find out what you missed and make it up.

OHHS Plagiarism Policy

Any student, who knowingly turns in any work that has been done by someone other than himself or herself, and fraudulently represents it as his/her own, shall be considered to have cheated. Cheating also includes: aiding someone else in cheating, the use or preparation of written, pictorial, or other materials not authorized by the instructor during a test or assignment, the use of testing materials obtained previous to the test date, or plagiarism of any kind. Students found cheating will also be subject to an office referral, which could result in a suspension. Based on the premise that we are an effort based school, students will be required to do their own work to show their learning. Thus, this will fall under the “Late Work Policy” of the teacher where total possible points may be reduced.