

2023 - 2024 School Year

Michigan Center High School

Class: Environmental Science (SIC)

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Course Objectives: This course is intended to focus on the natural world while addressing such topics as cycles of matter, populations, biomes, biodiversity, waste management, nutrient cycling, water treatment, energy and resource management. A special emphasis will be placed on learning about, raising, caring and releasing salmon as a yearlong project meant to give back to the environment. Students will carry out various duties in conjunction with DNR guidelines and state reporting. Success is dependent upon being an active participant in the class, understanding material, and turning work in on time. Please understand that you are in a leadership role, responsible for properly measuring and recording water parameters to keep our salmon alive. Their care and ultimately our success as a class is dependent upon each of you. At the conclusion of the class, you should feel an immense sense of pride having learned about, raised and released salmon into our local environment.

Salmon Release Day will occur somewhere between mid-April and mid-May. A class culminating google slides presentation will be constructed and presented to highlight all of the great things that each of you did behind the scenes as we raised the salmon. ***You must pass each quarter to attend the salmon release day field trip!**

Join Google Classroom with the following code: **o4z5vzr** While in person teaching will occur as normal, we will use GC for assignments in most cases and this will serve as our primary method of communication (assignments, notes, videos, etc.). In person lab activities will have a paper copy in most instances when the lab is conducted.

Curricular Focus: State of Michigan HSCE's and NGSS will be utilized in teaching environmental science content. DNR activities and reporting will also be implemented.

Materials:

- chromebook
- folder or binder
- writing utensils
- calculator
- earbuds
- tissues/hand sanitizer
- water bottle

*Dress appropriately for the weather when we are doing outdoor investigations.

Grading Policy: Total Point System Categories include: Classwork/Quizzes/Tests/Tank Participation	Semester Grades are calculated using the following format: 40% quarter one total 40% quarter two total 20% semester exam
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Checking your grades: You can access <https://mcpsd.powerschool.com/public/home.html> (powerschool) or check directly with me at the end of the class period.

Academic Dishonesty: No students are allowed to copy work from other students, copy and paste information electronically, or use notes on tests/quizzes without prior consent. Failure to follow this policy results in a '0' for the assignment/test.

Hallway Passes: Do your best to take care of non-class related items between classes. You are responsible for any missed information! A hall pass is required when out of the classroom. If you are repeatedly asking to leave during class time, you may forfeit the ability to leave entirely.

Late Work: To get the most out of class, it is important that you check in and complete material daily. Late work docked at 50%. Once a new unit is started, no work from a previous unit will be scored. If for some reason you were absent, see me at the beginning of the class period the day that you return. I will not print extra copies if you lose one!

Classroom Rules:

1. Follow all non-negotiable rules! (No disrespect, loud voices, profanity, inappropriate touching, etc.)
2. Be respectful to everyone!
3. Work at an appropriate noise level.
4. Please clean up after yourself. All trash needs to go in a waste basket. You are responsible for your area!
5. No sitting on the lab counters!
6. DO NOT line up at the door prior to dismissal. Be in your seat so you can leave on time.
7. Use technology appropriately! Complete your work, feel confident in your understanding of the material, then time is yours. **Once instruction has been completed, your science work is done and turned in for the hour and tank duties are finished, you can be on your phone as long as it isn't distracting to other students and you are using it appropriately.** Remember, we owe it to the salmon to care properly for them (number one priority in this course).

I have read and understand the above rules and classroom expectations and will work to the best of my ability to ensure a successful school year!

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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