Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I’m very excited to be your Environmental Science teacher this year. This syllabus provides you with everything you need to know to be successful in this course. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Email is the most efficient way to get in touch with me. And my email address is jdhanste@volusia.k12.fl.us. Also, I will be using the free text messaging app Remind. Through Remind, I will be sending out regular updates to students and parents on classroom projects and upcoming due dates. If you would like to sign up for Remind, please visit the class Canvas site for more details, or email me for instructions. I’m looking forward to a great year!

Course Description
This course provides a study of man's interaction with the environment. The content includes forms of pollution, conservation, environmental planning and policy, public land usages, population dynamics, and major forms of energy. Laboratory investigations include the use of the scientific process, measurement, laboratory apparatus, and safety.

Course material and standards follow the Volusia County Schools 2022-2023 Environmental Science Curriculum Map, (https://www.vcsedu.org/curriculum-maps). The standards used in this course are the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) posted on CPALMS at https://www.cpalms.org/Public/.

Class Wish List
- Hand sanitizer
- Pens and pencils
- Notebook paper
- Dry erase markers
- Tissues

Required Materials for Class
- Laptops – we will use them often! Please make sure they are charged every night before school.
- Blue or black ink pens
- #2 pencils
- Spiral Bound Notebook
- Notebook paper
- Project supplies – I will let you know ahead of time what is needed.
Grading Policy

Per Volusia County Schools grading guidelines, three types of assessments will be given in this course: diagnostics, formatives, and summatives.

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<td>Diagnostic</td>
<td>Measure students’ prior knowledge</td>
<td>Pre-tests, surveys</td>
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<td>Formative</td>
<td>Practice new skills and monitor student progress</td>
<td>Classwork, homework, quizzes, labs, ISN</td>
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<tr>
<td>Summative</td>
<td>Assess mastery of skills</td>
<td>Tests, projects, lab reports, ISN</td>
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I encourage you and your student to monitor grades through the Gradebook app in VPortal, or through Parent Portal. Information about accessing Parent Portal can be found at delandhs.org/parent-portal, or you may call the office at (386) 822-6909. Grades will be posted weekly.

The Volusia County Schools grading scale will be used, as follows:

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<td>D</td>
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Classroom Policies

Tardiness - Tardy students without a pass will be marked tardy in Focus. Students who are tardy more than 3 times/quarter will receive a phone call home. Students will receive a discipline referral for each tardy after the 3rd tardy in the quarter.

Bathroom Pass – Students are expected to use the bathroom in between classes. No passes will be written during the first or last 10 minutes of class (10/10 Rule). Students sign out and in on the bathroom log and receive a pass. With the exception of an emergency, students are allotted 4 bathroom passes per quarter. If your child requires additional bathroom passes beyond this amount due to medical reasons, please let me know.

Make-up Work for Absences – It is the student’s responsibility to make up all work missed due to absences. For each day absent, a student has the equal number of days plus one to make-up any missed work (Example: 1 day absent = 2 days to make up work, 2 days absent = 3 days to make up work).

Accepting Late Work - Assignments will be given reasonable due dates. I will give your student ample time to complete the work and time to communicate with me if he/she having problems understanding the content. I will give feedback on assignments so that your student can redo them to improve his/her grade. If your student does not turn the assignment in by the due date, he/she will not be offered feedback or the opportunity to redo an assignment (unless it is a summative). I will not allow late work after the assignment has been graded and handed back.
**Summative Remediation** - Students are encouraged to remediate for a summative exam or assignment if they receive a score of 70% or lower. Students can speak with me to schedule remediation.

**Tutoring** - Tutoring is available during lunch once a week. A sign-up sheet will be available. Please don’t allow your student to fall behind. Please encourage them to sign up for tutoring. I am here for your student!

**Academic Integrity** – Cheating will not be tolerated. Incidents of cheating will be addressed in accordance with the DeLand High School academic integrity policy.

**Accommodations**
Learning accommodations will be followed for ESE students with IEPs, EPs, and 504 plans. Accommodations will also be made for ESOL students. If you have any questions regarding your student’s accommodations, please let me know.

**Classroom Rules and Consequences**
1. Be respectful
2. Be prepared
3. Be responsible

LABS

We will conduct several lab sessions throughout the school year. Please review and sign the attached Student Safety Contract, and return to me by **Friday, August 19, 2022**.

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We will be using technology often in class. **Students are expected to bring their laptops to class each day.** Students are expected to employ safe, appropriate, and ethical use of technologies during this class. Please review the Electronic Information Services (EIS) Acceptable Use Agreement for Students on the Volusia County Schools website (www.vcsedu.org).

Classroom rules and examples of how to follow the rules will be discussed in class with your student. When classroom rules are not followed, there will be disciplinary consequences in accordance with DeLand High School procedures. My discipline procedures are as follows: 1. Verbal warning, 2. Refocus form with student-teacher chat, 3. Student-teacher conference during lunch/office hours and parent contact, 4. Student-teacher-counselor conference and parent contact, 5. Referral to administration and parent contact.

Please sign below acknowledging receipt of this syllabus and return to me by Friday, August 19, 2022.

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Student Name:  
Period #:  
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Student Signature:  
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Parent/Guardian Signature:  
________________________________________________________  
Parent Contact information (e-mail and/or phone):