**2015-2016**

**CP and E Syllabus Mrs. Krivicich**

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Welcome to a new school year at Licking Heights High School and to CP and E. The focus of the class is to provide a snapshot of Chemistry, Physical Science, and Environmental Science. This class will help you develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills. This class will be built around hands-on activities and labs, and inquiry based instruction. This means **YOU** must be present during class.

**A Note to Students & Parents**

CP and E stands for **Chemistry**, **Physical Science,** and **Environmental Science.** It is really imperative that you come to class on time and are focused. A large of this course will be based on what you put into it. This means that you come to class prepared, and that you work collaboratively on the activities in class. Since the focus is on activities and labs, attendance to this class is important.

**Materials:**

I find that the most successful students are those that come to class prepared. Make sure that you have all of your required materials each day. The following is a list of materials that you should bring with you every day:

Pen & Pencil Colored Pencils

Index cards for Flashcards 2” three-ring binder with dividers

loose-leaf paper Scientific calculator

**Classroom expectations**

* **Be prepared.**
	+ This means coming to class with the supplies listed above.
	+ This means being in your seat when the bell rings.
	+ This means completing any required homework.
	+ This means spending time outside of class on the material.
* **Be On Time.**
	+ This means going straight to your seat when the bell rings.
	+ This means coming on time to class.
	+ This means completing homework by the due date.
* **Be Respectful.**
	+ This means not talking while the teacher is talking.
	+ This means listening when another student is talking.
	+ This means putting your phone away and engaging yourself in the lesson.
	+ This means listening to the teacher when they ask you to do something.
* **Be accountable.**
	+ This means taking responsibility for the actions you take.
	+ This means not cheating on an exam, quiz, etc.
	+ This means contributing in group work.
* **Be consistent.**
	+ This means continually following classroom rules.
	+ This means always taking charge of your learning.
	+ This means having a positive attitude towards the class.

**Topics**

This course will be divided into three sections: Chemistry, Physical Science and Environmental Science. We will start the year with Physical Science which will cover principles of Newtonian mechanics as well as the foundation for Physics. Chemistry will be focused on understanding what matter is and how molecules bond together. Environmental Science will focus on how humans impact the environment in which we live in.

**Grading Scale:**

The sum of all points earned divided by the total possible points x 100 = %

**Class Grading Scale**

**A** 93-100% **A-** 90-92% **B+** 87-89% **B** 83-86%

**B -**80-82% **C+** 77-79% **C** 73-76% **C-** 70-72%

**D+-**67-69% **D** 63-66% **D-** 60-62% **F** 0-59%

**Participation**

While participation is **NOT** figured into your overall grade, please know that you will get out of this class what you put into it. This means doing the assigned readings, coming to class, studying, not putting your focus in your phone, and bringing the necessary materials to class. You have to be an active learner to expect to receive an A!!!

**Homework**

All homework assignments should be completed **ON TIME.** If homework is turned in after the due date, you can expect to receive 60% of the grade that you earn on the assignment. I will only take late assignments up to **one week** after they are due. Lastly, it is my **choice** whether I grade **5, 10 or 20, or all** of your homework problems. I will **switch** it up so you may get **lucky** sometime. Larger projects are an exception from this rule, but will be docked a **Letter Grade** for each day they are late.

**Quizzes and Labs**

At least one quiz will be given per unit. Quizzes are always multiple-choice and often are short, taking only 10-15 minutes of class time. This course is lab heavy and may take all period. It is important that you come to class. Labs may be worth 30 points.

**PLEASE NOTE:***Labs may take up to a week for me to return tests to students.*

**Absences**

First and foremost, it is important that you come to class **every day.** In the event that you are absent, it is **YOUR** responsibility to go to the homework center, and to write down what you missed in class. Extra copies of any worksheets will be provided in the appropriate folder. If you missed a day of notes, you will need to get them from a friend in class or come see me during a seminar period. You will have the number of days that you were absent to complete the make up work. After the allotted period of time, “absent work”, will be considered “late work.” If, after you have checked the homework center, and still have questions, ask Mrs. Krivicich after class.

**A Note About Cell Phones**

I know that your cell phone can be useful to look up definitions of words, make flash cards, etc. To that end, I will allow you to have phones on you during class with **two exceptions.**

1. If I see that you are on your phone and are not paying attention during class and completing little work, I **will take** your phone and **bring** it down to the **office** where you will have to pick it up **after** 8th period.
2. During **testing days**, all cell phones will be in a designated box and if I see you with your phone out during a test, **I will take your phone and test and you will receive a zero.**

\*\*\*\*If you refuse to give me your phone, I will send you to the office immediately. \*\*\*\*

**CP and E- Mrs. Krivicich**

Please sign the form below after thoroughly reviewing the syllabus. Tear off this page and return to Mrs. Krivicich. Please keep the course syllabus in your binders for your records.

By signing below, I am acknowledging that I have read the CP and E Syllabus and understand what is expected of me during the 2014-2015 school year. I understand that I should come to class prepared, conduct myself in a respectful manner, and take responsibility for both my work and behavior every day in Mrs. Krivicich’s class.

I understand that if I do not adhere to the outlined expectations that consequences will follow.

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**Student Signature Date**

**A Note to Parents/Guardians:**

Thank you so much for taking the time to read through this syllabus with your student. E-mail is the fastest way to reach me should you have any questions regarding your student’s progress. I look forward to getting to know you and your student!

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**Parent/Guardian (Print) Relationship to Student**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature Date**