



Liberty Middle School

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6th Grade Earth Science

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Classroom Digital Platforms	Webpage Link: https://www.madisoncity.k12.al.us/Domain/2924 Schoology Link: https://madisoncity.schoology.com/ IXL, Gizmos, and SAVVAS platforms are all accessible through Clever.
Instructional Materials	Elevate Science: Earth published by SAVVAS https://flexbooks.ck12.org/cbook/ck-12-middle-school-earth-science-flexbook-2.0/ <i>*Parents and guardians can access other supplementary materials through the Schoology platform.</i>
Course Description	The Earth Science curriculum builds on the natural curiosity of students. By connecting them to the beauty of geological history, the amazing landforms around the globe, the nature of the sea and air, and the newest discoveries about our universe, it gives students an opportunity to relate to their everyday world. This will be accomplished through small and large group discussions, interactive computer activities, and lab activities.
Course Objectives	By the end of this course, students should have a firm foundation in earth science, as well as a thorough understanding of correct lab procedures and safety, experimentation, and how science relates to the world around us.
Course Outline	Unit 1: Sun-Earth-Moon System Unit 2: The Solar System Unit 3: Earth's Processes Unit 4: Plate Tectonics Unit 5: Water Cycle and Weather Unit 6: Earth's Climate Unit 7: Human Impact Final Exam <i>*This is subject to change.</i>
Classroom Expectations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cell phones must be powered down and in a backpack from 8:15 am - 3:20 pm. 2. Be seated and ready for class when the bell rings. Students tardy to class will receive a detention per LMS policy. 3. Come prepared for class. Bring your science notebook, chromebook with charger, and a pencil everyday to class. 4. Respect your teacher, your classmates, and yourself. 5. If it's not yours, don't touch it. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.

	All students must follow the Madison City Schools Code of Conduct.
Progressive Discipline <i>(LMS Policy)</i>	Liberty Middle School Classroom Management Plan: Step 1: Verbal warning Step 2: Student/teacher conference with parent notification Step 3: Parent contact/conference Step 4: Detention Step 5: Referral to administration for repeat Class I violations and initial Class II and Class III offenses (Madison City Schools Code of Conduct)
Grading Policy <i>(MCS Policy)</i>	60% = Assessments (Tests, Essays, Projects) 40% = Daily Grades (Quizzes, Homework, Classwork, and Participation) <i>*PowerSchool is the official gradebook of MCS. All grades will be posted in PowerSchool, not Schoology.</i>
Late Work Policy	Late work will be accepted for full credit up until the day of the unit test. If work is submitted after the unit test, the highest score allowed will be a 75.
Make-up Work/ Test Policy	Students are expected to make up any assignments missed due to absences. All assignments will be posted in Schoology daily, and hard copies will be available in the Missing Work Crate in my classroom. Assignments that are not made up will become a zero (including quizzes/tests).
Technology & Cell Phone Procedures	Effective July 1, 2025, the use, operation, or possession of Wireless Communications Devices including but not limited to cellular telephones, tablet computers, laptop computers, pagers, gaming devices, smart watches, earphones or headphones in school buildings or on school grounds during the Instructional Day, is prohibited. Violation of Board policy with respect to such use, operation, or possession of Wireless Communication Devices will constitute a Class II violation. Madison City Schools has outlined an Electronic/Wireless Device Policy (Policy 6.20) on page 137 of the MCS Policy Manual. Students should bring their MCS chromebooks and chargers to class each day. Teachers monitor student activity and participation; however, students are responsible for their activity on school-issued devices and using their MCS accounts.
Materials & Supplies	Students will need the following supplies: pencils, glue sticks, colored pencils, scissors, a 1-inch 3 ring binder, one 8-pack of tab dividers, and a pair of headphones/earbuds with a jack to use with their Chromebook.
Homework	Homework is only assigned if a student does not complete the assignments in class.
Parent & Student Acknowledgment Form and Lab Safety Contract	Please complete the Syllabus Acknowledgment Form and return to school with the signed lab safety contract. The Lab Safety Contract must be signed by both student and parent in order for a student to participate in labs. Lab Safety Contract

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