



VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CHARTING THE COURSE

Department of Teaching & Learning *Parent/Student Course Information*

Earth Science *(SC 4210)* *One credit, One year* *Grade 8*

Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections and career planning. Parents may arrange to meet with the counselor by calling the school's guidance department.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Earth Science is the study of the features and forces of our planet. The course includes topics in astronomy, geology, meteorology, oceanography and physical geography. Field trips, laboratory investigations and other classroom activities permit the students to interrelate these topics and to gain personal experiences within their surroundings. Environmental concerns, energy, earth processes and the influences of science, technology and society are significant. Students will take the End-of-Course (EOC) test for Earth Science.

COURSE GOALS

- Develop a foundation of earth science concepts for understanding the forces and features of planet Earth, its place in the universe and the interrelationships among the fields of earth science – geology, astronomy, meteorology and oceanography
- Develop investigative skills in order to solve real problems
- Apply the processes of rational thought to make responsible decisions involving the interactions of science, technology and society
- Explore the application of earth science principles, in modern life, in careers and in other areas of interest

PREREQUISITE

Grade 8 – Advanced Science 6 (or successful completion of the Physical Science modules), Advanced Science 7 **and** take the Grade 8 Science Standards of Learning test

OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE

Environmental Science

Biology

Chemistry (Algebra II prerequisite)

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

VBCPS Earth Science FlexBook

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of all core objectives through laboratory investigations, issue investigations, projects, oral and/or written tests, quizzes and reports
- Participate in the core laboratory experiences and adhere to all safety procedures
- Prepare written reports for laboratory activities as directed
- Investigate and report on science-related issues of local, regional, national or global concern; suggest possible solutions; design a plan of action for solving them
- Investigate career opportunities and areas of interest in earth science and prepare a brief report
- Complete all assigned readings and homework

Virginia Standards of Learning

Please follow the link below to view the standards for Earth Science on the Virginia Department of Education website.

[Earth Science](#)

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