

**Guidelines for Mr. Benson's
Honors Earth Science Class**

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1. **Late work** will be accepted up to 3 school days beyond the due date for 30% off. Assignments are "late" if they are not turned in at the start of class (SOC) on the due date. **IMPORTANT:** If you are going to be gone for sports or other activities, get your assignments in **BEFORE** you leave. If wait until you get back, they will be considered "late".
2. If you are going to miss classes for activities, appointments, etc., make arrangements to attend one of Benson's other classes (IF POSSIBLE - if you have a study hall). Benson has classes during periods 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7.
3. **You should have a notebook to take notes in, and a folder to keep handouts in.**
4. There will be one test per month (100 points each). **It is important to study** all of the notes, handouts, labs, MESPOWs, and worksheets, etc. that were done during that unit.

It is much more important that you listen **and think** during class. Do not expect to do well on tests if you have simply taken notes and studied them (without listening and thinking in class).

5. If you've been absent, ask Mr. Benson what you've missed **AND** check his calendar at **bengalfrosh.com**.
6. **DO NOT copy answers from anyone. DO NOT lend your work to someone so they can copy. This is not "helping", "sharing", or "working together" it is CHEATING!**
7. If you score below 70% on a test, you will have one week to **"fix" the test on your own time (not in study hall)**. You can earn up to half of the points back by using your notebook and handouts to make corrections, raising the score up to a maximum of 70%. You may come in before school (7:40 to 8:10), after school (3:15), or during lunch.
8. There will be "Montana Earth Science Pictures of the Week" (**MESPOWs**) assigned almost every week. Each Monday, Benson will assign pictures from **www.formontana.net**. You should carefully read all of the MESPOWs assigned for that week and then choose one to do with the worksheet. The worksheet can be picked up in the classroom or downloaded from the web site. They are due at the start of class every Friday.
9. The **grading scale** is as follows: 90-100%: A 80-89%: B 70-79%: C 60-69%: D
10. Your **semester grade** will be determined this way . . .

1st quarter grade: 40% 2nd quarter grade: 40% semester test: 20%
11. **If you need help** or don't understand something, please ask Mr. Benson. From 7:40 am to 8:15 am is the best time to come in and get extra help and 3:10 pm to 3:30 pm is another good time.

Other information, Mr. Benson's email address, and an assignment calendar are posted @

www.bengalfrosh.com

Answer the questions on the other sheet.

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1. If something is due on a day that you know you are going to miss class for an activity, an appointment, or a planned family trip, when should you hand the assignment in?
2. What is the penalty for turning in an assignment late?
3. If an assignment is due on Friday, when is the last day you can hand it in for credit?
4. Do you have a study hall? _____ What period is it? _____
5. If you are going to miss Benson's class due to an activity or an appointment, what should you do (if you have a study hall during period 1, 3, 4, 5, or 7)?
6. If you miss a class, what two things should you do?
7. Use the information on the Guidelines sheet to access Benson's website. If you were gone today, what does it say to do?
8. What is the title of the video of the week?
9. What is the answer to the question of the week?
10. Click on the link to the **HHS Outdoors Club FB Page** – What does the most recent post say? You can "Like" the page to get updates.
11. Refer to the Guidelines sheet. Why is it important to keep notes, handouts, labs, etc.?
12. If you didn't finish an assignment and then you get answers from a classmate, what are you doing?
13. If you bomb a test (let's say you get a 55%), how can you get that grade up, and how high can you raise it?
14. If you have a question on an assignment that is due at the start of class, it is really hard for Benson to help you once class starts. When is the best time to come in for help?