

# 2011/12 GEOSCIENCE WITH MR. HOLLISTER!

## Class materials required

- 1 - cheap scientific calculator or phone with calculator capabilities.
- 1 - binder or folder dedicated to this class.
- 1 - pack of colored pencils
- 1 - pair of scissors
- 1 - 12" ruler
- Ability to check [www.mrhollister.com](http://www.mrhollister.com) at school



## How to Earn a Good Grade in Geoscience

- 60% of your Grade = Tests, Quizzes & Large Projects
- 25% of your Grade = Classwork, Homework
- 15% of your Grade = Participation - (including twice-monthly notebook organization checks, attendance, "What The?" completion, calendar completion and overall helpfulness in class)
  - ❖ 90 - 100% = A
  - ❖ 80 - 89.99% = B
  - ❖ 70 - 79.99% = C
  - ❖ 60-69.99% = D
  - ❖ 59.99% - below = F

## What in the heck will YOU learn in Geoscience?

*This class will help you know how & why the world works the way it does.* Geoscience will cover varied topics pertaining to the Earth Sciences. From oceanography to mineralogy, sea waves to earthquake waves, volcanic eruptions, lightning and more, you will finish this class with a better understanding of your place on this majestic planet and universe. It's the awesome part of the Discovery Chanel come to life with a better host - ME!

As a visual and hands-on learner myself, lectures will be animated, demonstrations will be frequent and relevant real-world examples will be commonplace. More importantly, fun, excitement and intriguing discussions will be the order of the day This class is a daily adventure!

## What will geoscience do for you?

A passing grade in this class will give you a great base of scientific knowledge for any of your future career aspirations. I also hope this class will develop a sense of responsibility for **YOUR planet** and **YOUR future**. More importantly, the knowledge you learn in this class will really impress your friends and will make you less likely to suffer in a natural disaster.

NEW for 2011: An AP Environmental Science class is in the works for 2012, so this geoscience class will be a great stepping stone to earning college units next year!

## What do YOU need to do to easily pass Geoscience?

1. Show up to class every day. The important information will be delivered during class with tons of photos and short videos. It's hard to replicate the experience at home on your own without my awesomeness.
2. You should be ready to work every day when you come into the classroom - **before the final bell rings.**
3. Don't waste your time! If you're asked to get something done in a timely manner, it's because we have something better to move on to!
4. If you miss class for any reason, **you are responsible for following the missed class procedures** such as copying the calendar and getting any missed work from the make-up work box. **This is your job.**
5. Don't be shy... attempt to answer all questions on assignments. Science is a process of learning by making mistakes.
6. Study consistently throughout the year.
7. Keep your class calendar & notebook up-to-date.
8. Do your own work - cheating is an automatic zero, and you probably would have done better if you had just tried on your own.

### What does Mr. Hollister do to help you pass this class?

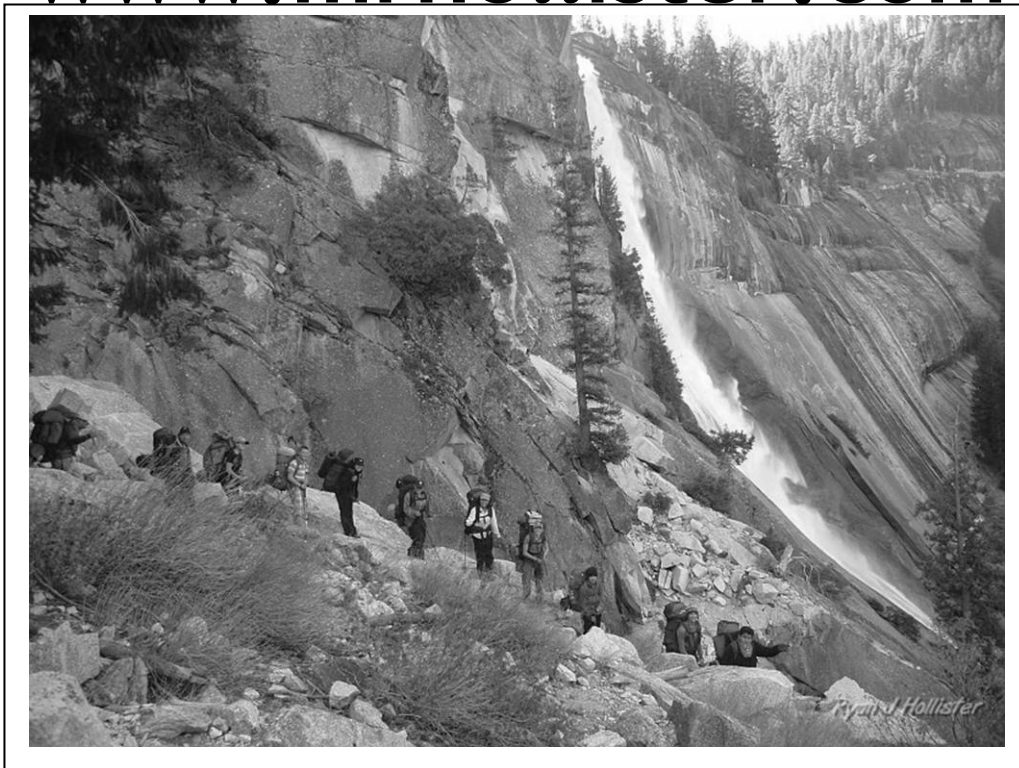
1. My job is to be your science coach. I'll give you lots of opportunities to learn the material in a fun, non-boring fashion while giving you pointers on how to get better along the way.
2. I am the scorekeeper. I **do not give you your grade - you *earn* it through demonstration!** You can always check your grade at [www.mrhollister.com](http://www.mrhollister.com)
3. I will always explain any class material that you do not understand. If you could understand everything the first time what would you need me for?

### Supplementary Steps for Success in Mr. Hollister's class

1. Be on time. This means in your seat and working on the "What The??" when the bell rings.
2. Do **YOUR** best.
3. Show respect for every other person in the class. Treat others as you would like them to treat you.
4. Keep all body parts and other objects to yourself (Ex: do not touch, stab, throw, spit on, or maim).
5. Have a good time, in a responsible way. Your level of responsibility will determine how much fun we can have. **Believe it or not, it takes a responsible person to turn a gummy bear into rocket fuel.**
6. I will always be available to help you during and after class. Please do not be shy about coming in and asking for help. I want you to succeed so that you can impress your friends (and maybe even your folks) with your amazing knowledge.
7. Listen carefully the first time. I have a beautiful signing voice and don't want to wear it out by constantly repeating answers to simple questions that have already been asked. Plus, the less I talk, the more activity time we get.
8. Respect class property.
  - a. Keep the sinks clean. They're not a trash can
  - b. Floors must be picked-up before you are excused
  - c. Eating is not allowed in class. Eat during advisement & lunch. Science labs often contain chemicals and bacteria and these can make you sick if you eat them. BOTTLES of H<sub>2</sub>O are OK.
  - d. Use the restroom between your classes. Absolutely no bathroom visits will be allowed for 30 minutes after class starts. Learn to go, or learn to hold it.
  - e. Clean up after yourself. My uncle is a maintenance supervisor at this school, and he WILL find you if you make a mess. You don't want to get on his bad side.

YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND CLASS INFORMATION, GRADES AND EXTRA CREDIT ADVENTURES AT

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