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| Nottingham High School | **David P. Maynard**, Principal |

**Ms. Evans’ Living Environment Syllabus 2017-2018**

Objective:   
Living Environment is a full year/ laboratory course that integrates the principles of life science.

Laboratory Requirement:   
Along with daily classroom activities and discussion, the students are required to meet during a specified lab period. Students must successfully complete their labs as required by New York State in order to be eligible to attend the New York State Regents Exam for the Living Environment.

* A total of **1200 minutes**, approximately **30** **labs** are required to meet this requirement. It is crucial for each student to meet this state mandated requirement and attendance is necessary! Those NOT meeting regents requirement will be ineligible to take the NYS regents in June.
* All labs will be kept on file for each student’s record. Labs and lab folders will not be able to leave school.
* Labs are due no later than one week from the date of issuance and no late labs will be given full credit! A reduced grade, maximum of 80%, will be given for any late laboratory assignments\*.
* Any lab that is turned in incomplete (not finished) will receive a grade of *ZERO*, until it is completed.
* Students can make up labs throughout the school year. Only those labs that were given during a marking period will still count as a grade, all other labs can still be made up as lab credit.

Required Classroom Materials:   
Students are not required to have specific materials for this class. Each student will be given a class folder that they will keep all of their class work in. These folders are to **stay at school** in the designated area. While I will have most classroom supplies for student use, it is helpful that each student still come to class ready to work.

Homework Policy:   
**It is very rare that students will receive homework.** Homework may include reading or study assignments, vocabulary, or anything that may need to be signed by a parent or guardian. Homework will be accepted no later than one day late of the due date. Late homework will have a reduced value of 10 points if late.

Grading Policy:   
Grades will be calculated as follows:

* Labs……. 30%
* Tests...... 25%
* Classwork....... 20%
* Quizzes...... 15%
* Homework/Participation...... 10%

Classroom Rules & Behavior:

* All school rules will be followed
* Due to the nature of this class no food or drinks will be allowed in class, **unless specified by the teacher**
* NO CELL PHONES or other electronic devices will be allowed during the class period. Students will be instructed to put phones or other electronic device in the designated cell-phone box until the end of the class period. This is something that I have done in the past, and has helped to increase participation and keep students focused.
* Students will be able to earn weekly points and rewards for good behavior and participation in classroom activities. Parents are encouraged to sign up for the program/app (Bloomz).

Classroom Website:

While it is not mandatory to use the website, students may find it helpful, especially when it comes time to take the Regents Exam. In addition, it is a great way for parents/guardians to see what types of things we are doing in the classroom.   
  
http://evanslivingenviro.weebly.com/  
  
I am very excited to begin the school year and work with your son/daughter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions. I look forward to meeting/speaking with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Colleen Evans  
Special Education/Living Environment  
Nottingham High School   
(315) 435-4380/ [cevans@scsd.us](mailto:cevans@scsd.us)

Student / Parent Acknowledgement:

It is a required that each student acknowledge that he/she has read the course syllabus and has agreed to abide by the policies outlined for this class. It is also requested that each student have his/her parent/guardian read and sign the syllabus as well.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ AM / PM

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* Permission to take and post pictures of my son/daughter for use on the class website: Yes □ No □
* I would like information on the Bloomz Program: Yes □ No □   
    
  \*Syllabus must be signed and returned by **Tuesday, September 12, 2017**! The signed copy will be kept on file with me for my own records. The signing and handing in of this document gives the student their 1st homework credit.