

Welcome to Chemistry Lab!

Chemistry Lab is our opportunity to actually see chemistry happening and relate the experiments we do to the topics you learn in class. You are **REQUIRED** by New York State to come to all labs in order to fulfill the required minimum of 1200 minutes of lab time before you can take the Regents exam in June.

Lab meets once every four days and this amounts to one, maybe two, lab periods a week.

Please be prepared to meet the following expectations!

1. Bring the necessary materials to EVERY lab.

These include:

- A pen (blue or black) for all written lab reports
- A pencil (for graphs or drawings)
- Calculator
- Folder



2. Be prepared for lab. This means you have:

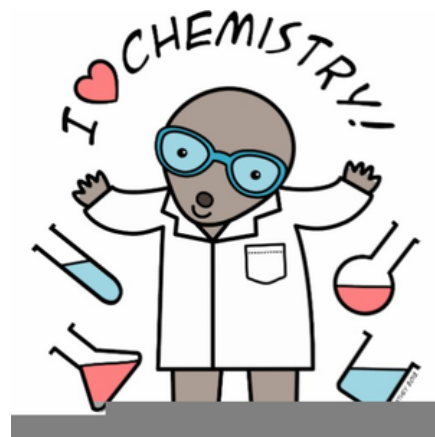
- Read the **LAB!**
- Especially the safety precautions and procedure
- Read through the **LAB PROCEDURE!**
- You need a general idea of what you will do once you arrive. Not knowing what is ahead of you in lab can lead to dangerous situation.
- Completed your **PRE-LAB ASSIGNMENT** (given to you the previous lab class)!
- If your pre-lab is not completed the day it is due, **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN LAB THAT DAY.** You will need to come in during activity period to make up the lab.

3. Perform each lab carefully, paying special attention to safety rules.

- For every lab in which you use chemicals, you will be required to wear safety goggles
- If you are working with a flame or hot plate, be careful where you are placing yourself and lab materials
- There should **NEVER** be any type of behavior during lab that could lead to someone getting hurt.

4. Hand in labs on time!

- You always have at least one lab cycle to complete a lab. Therefore, if you finish a lab one day it is not due until the next time you have lab.
- If you hand in late** – Labs are considered late if they are handed in anytime after the start of class the lab day after you finish an experiment. **The lab automatically loses 50%** of its grade. After 2 weeks (1 strike), it becomes a zero.



Strike Policy:

The State Board of Regents requires all Regents Science students to attend a minimum of thirty, forty-minutes of lab classes. In addition, a satisfactory written report must be completed for each lab experiment. To meet these requirements, the Starpoint Science Department has instituted following lab policy:

- **Strike 1:** student fails to EITHER hand in a required lab report and/or make up a missed lab class by the designated date. Student receives a 0 for the lab.
- **Strike 2:** student misses 2 lab classes OR fails to hand in 2 lab reports OR misses 1 lab class AND fails to hand in 1 lab report. Student receives a 0 for each missed lab or lab report. Parent is contacted via progress report.
- **Strike 3:** student misses 3 lab classes OR student fails to hand in 3 lab reports OR any other combination of missed lab classes and lab reports totaling 3. Student receives a 0 for each missed lab or report. Parent is contacted via progress report or phone call.
- **Strike 4:** student misses 4 lab classes OR student fails to hand in 4 lab reports OR any other combination of missed lab classes and lab reports totaling 4. **Student is removed from the course.**

Grading Procedure

- Assigned labs will be checked for completion at the beginning of each lab period. Any lab that is not completed by the assigned lab period will be given a 50%. (Missed labs can be made up during office hours or by appointment).
- A student's grade in lab will be calculated as follows:
$$\text{points earned} / \text{total available points} * 100$$
- The lab grade will make up **20%** of a student's total grade.

*Please read ALL of the information above and have your parent or guardian read it as well. You and your parent/guardian must sign below to indicate you have read it and the bottom of this page must be returned to me by your next lab period.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____