

## Class Standards

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In order for our classroom experience to be effective as possible, it is necessary for us to have a set of guidelines that will help focus the direction of this course and your learning. Thus, the following class requirements have been devised so that you will clearly understand what is expected of you.

1. Writing Instrument: It is recommended that all work be done in pencil. Blue or black pen is acceptable; work done in other colors or with "soft-point" markers will not be accepted. You must bring a pencil or pen every day.
2. Notebook: This is a classroom necessity. All lecture material, original lab records, and handout sheets for the current unit are to be kept in your notebook. At announced times, I will check your notebook and give you a grade based on its content and organization.
3. Homework: Homework assignments are published on the weekly forecast. Nightly assignments should take less than an hour to complete. You will receive only partial credit for assignments that are passed in late, are incomplete, or are incorrect.
4. Textbook: Since this course is based on the information contained in your textbook, it is necessary for you to have the text with you in class every day. The textbook must be covered or protected in a binder at all times.
5. Special Equipment: It would be useful to have a *Calculator* (square root), a *Protractor* (for measuring angles), and a *Metric Ruler* with you every day.
6. Attendance: Regular attendance is essential. If you are absent, you will be expected to get any handouts or notes that you may have missed while out and you will need to make up all assignments. If you will be absent for any length of time, please contact the guidance department as soon as possible.
7. Grades: Term grades are based on a combination of tests, quizzes, & projects (60%), class work (20%), lab work (10%), and homework (10%). You are encouraged to correct and promptly resubmit assignments that receive a failing grade.
8. Conduct: Consult your student handbook for school-wide rules. Please be patient and respectful. Because of the unusual nature of our classroom, special laboratory rules are in effect. *Science Safety Rules* are listed on the reverse side of this sheet.
9. After School Meetings: If this is demanded of you, you are expected to show up at the designated spot promptly. If you should like help after school, please feel free to schedule a meeting.

*Parents*: Please read and discuss these guidelines with your child. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Please sign the slip below and return it to me as soon as possible. Students should save this form for reference.

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I have read and agree to abide by the Class Standards and the Science Safety Rules.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Textbook Number \_\_\_\_\_