

Science Department Policies

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

We are looking forward to a great year of science! La Colina has an outstanding Science Department with high expectations for its students. Knowledge of our department's expectations will greatly help our students succeed in science. Success in science can be achieved through daily effort and attendance. Please discuss the ideas below. Then, please sign and return the attached contract. If you wish additional information, please phone La Colina, 967-4506.

Sincerely, La Colina Science Department

Department Rules

1. In addition to school wide policies such as promptness and preparedness, the following rules are expected of you in science.
 - a. Only appropriate and SAFE behavior will be allowed in class and lab, please observe the safety rules.
 - b. Absolutely no gum chewing, eating or drinking in science class.
 - c. We expect you to work only on science work in science class.
 - d. Marking on desktops and scientific equipment is not allowed.
 - e. Do not use class time for personal grooming.
 - f. Only the teacher adjusts windows, heater, lights, or other equipment without permission.

By ignoring one or more of the rules above, consequences will result. See class policy.

Academic and Citizenship Grades

2. Homework and class work may include:

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| a. Laboratory activities | e. Note-taking (Cornell format) |
| b. Directed reading workbooks | f. Learning Logs |
| c. Class discussions | g. Lab write-ups |
| d. Worksheets | h. Performance tests |

3. Citizenship grade is based on attendance, consideration of others, preparation, productivity, promptness, respect for people and property, and behavior during lab activities.
4. Quizzes and tests may include essay questions, objective questions, and performance skills.
5. All grades will be based on a point scale:

100% - 90% = A
89% - 80% = B
79% - 65% = C
64% - 50% = D
49% - 0% = F

7th Grade Projects

Cell Model
Genetic Disease Report
Geologic Timeline
Flower Power

8th Grade Projects

Atom Model
Element Report
Egg Drop
Science Fair

6. The teacher will determine the homework policy.
7. If a student is absent, it is the student's responsibility to check and find out what work was missed and make up the missed assignments by the end of the unit.

ALL WORK MUST BE MADE UP!