

Science Department Policies

Dear Parents 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 a student succeed in science. Success in science can be achieved through daily effort.

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

A. In addition to school wide policies such as promptness and preparedness, the following rules are expected of you in science.

1. Only appropriate and SAFE behavior will be allowed in class and lab.
 2. Everyone has the right to a safe working environment, please observe the safety rules.
 3. **Absolutely no gum chewing, eating or drinking in science class.**
 4. You may not do work for other classes during science.
 5. **Marking on desktops and scientific equipment is not allowed.**
 6. Do not use class time for personal grooming.
 7. Do not adjust windows, heater, lights, or other equipment without permission.
- By ignoring one or more of the rules above, consequences will result. See class policy.*

B. Academic and Citizenship Grades

1. Homework and class work may include

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| *Laboratory activities | * Note-taking |
| *Directed reading workbooks | *Chapter outlines |
| *Class discussions | *Lab write-ups |
| *Worksheets | *Performance tests |

7th Grade Projects
Cell Model
Genetic Disease Report
Geologic Timeline
Flower Power

2. Citizenship grade is based on attendance, consideration of others, preparation, productivity, promptness, respect for people and property, and behavior during lab activities.
3. The 3-ring science binder/section may be assigned a grade.
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

8th Grade Projects
Atom Model & Element
Report
Tie Dye Lab
Egg Drop
Science Fair

C. Homework policy will be determined by the teacher.

D. 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.

ALL WORK MUST BE MADE UP!