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BELLMORE-MERRICK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Revised Guidelines for the Laboratory Requirement in Regents Science Courses

Students enrolled in laboratory science courses are expected to participate in the laboratory component of the course.

Pupils should make every effort to participate in all laboratory sessions, to collect accurate data, and to write satisfactory laboratory reports.

Satisfactory written reports reflecting a minimum of 1200 minutes of laboratory work are necessary to enable a student to be admitted to the Regents examination.

There is an added requirement for students enrolled in Living Environment and Living Environment A. The state has mandated four (4) required laboratory activities for which satisfactory written reports must be completed in order for a student to sit for the Living Environment Regents. Bellmore-Merrick will include the four state mandated labs as part of the 1200 minutes required by the state.

Laboratory reports should be handed in when they are due. **Three-fourths of the laboratory reports due in a marking period must be handed in and satisfactory during that marking period in order to earn a passing grade for that quarter.**

Pupils in specific science courses may have additional laboratory requirements they must meet as specified by the Cores and supplementary documents. Achievement of specified skills will be assessed during regular laboratory sessions. Youngsters will have ample opportunities to develop their skills.

While satisfactory written reports reflecting a minimum of 1200 minutes of laboratory work are necessary to enable a student to be admitted to the Regents examination, additional laboratory work and reports are ordinarily required for successful completion of the laboratory component of the course.

Absences from laboratory sessions should be made up as soon as possible after the absence, by appointment with the teacher. Such make-up sessions generally take place within a cycle after the absence. Appropriate materials for a particular laboratory investigation are often only available for a limited time.

Poorly done and incomplete laboratory reports may result in no credit toward the laboratory requirement.

The last date for handing in completed laboratory reports is June 1st unless that date falls on a weekend. If June 1st should fall on Saturday or Sunday, the last date for handing in the completed reports would be the following Monday.

Please sign, detach, and return to the current science teacher.

Thank you.

I have read and understand the Revised Guidelines for the Laboratory Requirement in Regents Science Courses.

Signature of Science Student

Signature of Parent or Guardian