

Educator / Learner Agreement – Excel Educational Services, Inc. ©

Welcome to Science with Dr. Dan!

I am really looking forward to teaching General Science, Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry and Advanced Biology. My desire is that you will grow in your understanding and appreciation for the world we live in and that you will develop improved academic and scientific skills. As your educator, I am committed to planning and preparing lessons that I believe will help you reach those and your own personal goals.

Your Responsibility

My expectation for you, as a student, is that you will maintain a positive attitude about the work and activities I assign, and that you will put forth your best effort in completing them. I will expect you to prepare **before** each class by reading the assigned information in your book(s), and completing the “on your own” questions. If you are unable to understand something, bring your questions(s) in writing to the next class and I will do my best to help you understand.

You should plan on spending about 1 hour per day on Biology, Chemistry and Advanced Biology -- in addition to the three hours once a week of instruction time -- in order to complete the reading, the “on your own” questions, the study guide and the self-test within 2 weeks. General or Physical Science may take a little less time, depending on the learner.

You are also expected to bring your textbook, note taking notebook, a 3-ring binder for your lab notebook, pen and pencil, and a heart to learn to each class.

All classes: All learners will need to have a text book, test and solutions book and various lab supplies. Please read our lab list ahead of time to know what lab items to bring! I expect that you, with your parents’ supervision, will complete the regular reading ahead, study guides and self-tests for each section at the same pace that we go through the book.

General and Physical Science: You will need household items each, durable and non-durable supplies. Some items may need to be purchased from the store if you out of one of the lab ingredients.

Biology: You will need slides, microscope, colored pencils, dissection kit with critters and other items.

Chemistry: You will need a chemistry lab kit. Click [here](#) for contents. There may also be a small fee for chemicals.

Advanced Biology: You will need human anatomy slides, (*optional*) microscope, dissection kit, [The Human Body The Anatomy Coloring book, 3rd Edition](#) (*optional*) and about \$20-30 for a fetal pig.

My Responsibility

The class instruction I provide will cover the major points included in each topic, and the lab will include most of the experiments relating to that topic. As time permits, additional demonstrations, and ‘hands on’ activities will be used to supplement and reinforce the concepts. We will take approximately 2 weeks to complete each subject unit.

Please note: these classes are intended to cover the major concepts found in their respective textbooks. I will also supplement information from a wide variety of other sources to add to the depth of understanding with an emphasis on application. You will get much more info and hands-on learning than by just reading one “textbook” at home on your own!

In addition, each week we will begin with a short “learning tool” quiz reviewing the information from the previous week’s class and lab. The quiz will be on the honor system and will help me to see if a particular concept needs more explanation. How your parent chooses to incorporate your quiz scores into your grade is up to them.

Parent's Responsibility

Parents/guardian are responsible for checking and then grading tests found in your textbooks. Your final overall class grade will be a compilation of your test scores from the text, instructor's report on quizzes during class, lab notebook, participation during class, desire to learn and attendance. Parents/guardian are required to attend class once every so many weeks depending on the number of learners in the class. Ideally parent /guardian should make sure that the learner brings proper lab supplies to accomplish their lab each week or **points will be lost**.

4. Various information

Electronic Devices

No electronic devices are to be used during class instruction times **or break times** unless preauthorized by instructor. For example, a learner may need to record a class due to a planned absence or a need to hear info more than once. That would be acceptable. This means cell phones should be turned off during class and **only used after class to contact parents if needed. Do not even bring iPods, DVD players, and game devices etc. for use before, during or after class.** Scientific and other calculators are approved for class.

Questions

Learners are highly encouraged to ask questions pertaining to the subject at hand as long as we don't go down too many rabbit trails. The appropriate way to indicate you have a question is to raise your hand and wait for the instructor to acknowledge you. In most cases, the instructor will need to complete a thought or section of material before going to your question. If an answer is too lengthy, the instructor may opt to answer after class or in a future class.

Break Times

Learners are encouraged to use the break time to use the restroom, talk with one another or stand up and walk around. In some cases, the gym nearby may be used to "let off a little steam". Courtesy and respect for the facility and others around is required. Prompt response when the instructor resumes class is expected.

Parental or Guardian involvement

Parents, guardians or another involved adult will need to be actively attending their learner's class based on the below requirements. For example, if your child takes General Science with 12 other learners, you would be required to visit class once every 12 weeks. **This helps you know what is happening in the learner's education and helps facilitate a better learning environment for all.**

General Science – **Required** – based on number of learners

Physical Science – **Required** – based on number of learners

Biology – **Sometimes required** – based on number of learners

Chemistry -- **Requested periodically**

Advanced Biology – **Requested periodically**

Please Note: ALL classes will have an orientation on the first class date. *One parent/guardian/RC in attendance is required for about 1 hour!*

Issues That Affect the Entire Class

Parents, guardians or another involved adult will be called or e-mailed and asked to come in for an all class meeting if there are behavior or other issues which need to be addressed in a group setting.

5. Agreement

I agree to keep the schedule and responsibilities outlined in this form and to meet the following additional specific goals that I would like to add in: (these are determined by each learner/family/RC):

Please initial these four items and then sign below where indicated.

I understand and accept that ALL classes are a full school year starting around Labor Day in September and ending just before Memorial Day in May. _____

I have read, understood and will comply with the **Educator/Learner Agreement, FAQ's, Lab Materials List, Lab Guidelines** and all other info supplied by Excel Educational Services, Inc. and agree to abide by them at all times. _____

If I need to be excused from a class, I agree to contact Dr. Dan Korow as soon as possible. _____

Should I break my agreement, I agree to communicate why and what is happening in a timely and respectful manner. _____

Signature of Learner _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of Educator _____ Date _____

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Parents, learners and Resource Consultants are welcome to call or e-mail for clarification or with questions.