

Earning Lab Science Credit

This course is considered an entry level college **lab science** course by the University of California: *“Courses include teacher-supervised, hands-on laboratory activities that are directly related to, and support, the other class work, and that involve inquiry, observation, analysis and write-up. These hands-on inquiry-based activities will constitute a significant portion of the instruction and account for at least 20 percent of class time”.*

Labs normally consist of working in a group to analyze a problem then develop and conduct an experiment. This experience cannot be simply made up with a worksheet. It is expected that the student attends, actively participates and completes the entire lab process. Failure to complete this process may impact the academic letter grade, UC lab science credit and/or the weighted honors designation on a transcript regardless of performance on other class assignments (homework, classwork, exams, quizzes, etc). The teacher will notify both the student and parent in writing if the student is in danger of not meeting the mastery of basic course lab objectives required for UC lab credit and Honors distinction.

Your instructor’s evaluation of your science lab participation and standards mastery is based on the following scale (per District Administrative Regulations):

"A" Outstanding Achievement: Denotes mastery of the objectives of the course.

"B" Above Average Achievement: Denotes mastery of most objectives of the course.

"C" Average Achievement: Denotes the mastery of basic course objectives. Teacher would certify that the student has the skills and understanding necessary to basic goals and objectives of the course.

"D" Below Average Achievement: Denotes the mastery of the minimum objectives of the course. Weak performance. Teacher would give this grade to a student who would require remedial or additional work to achieve a satisfactory standard of performance for the course. Student reached a minimal number of the objectives of the course.

"F" Little or No Achievement: Denotes the student did not meet the minimum standard as defined by the course objectives.

Lab Science Make Up Policy

If you are absent for a lab experience, the teacher determines what the make-up assignment consists of and will issue one reasonable make up opportunity. Failure to attend the scheduled make up session will result in the student not earning credit for that lab. Efforts will be made to provide students the opportunity to make up labs, but not all such requests are reasonable given the scale and scope of particular labs. For some labs (including but not limited to dissections), it may not be reasonable to reconstruct the entire lab. Failure to attend and complete lab assignments may result in the student being unable to demonstrate mastery of the required UC lab science and Honors designation requirements. Per EDUHSD policy, if a student shows a pattern of chronic absenteeism due to illness (more than 14 per academic year), district staff may require physician verification of any further student absences.