

# How Parents Can Help

## IN SCIENCE COURSES

Success in science requires the abilities of reading, discussing, analyzing, and writing. Performing at a minimal level may not be enough to attain the district and state standards for Science. You may help your student by doing the following:

- ☞ Check on your student's progress by consulting with the student about daily assignments. Ask to see homework assignments and project work regularly. Give your student feedback on what you see.
- ☞ Check the website homework postings.
- ☞ Insure your student is recording all assignments.
- ☞ Provide time and a place to study and complete Science homework.
- ☞ Insure students are completing assignments on time.
- ☞ Provide your student with appropriate school supplies (for example: notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, rulers, calculators).
- ☞ Encourage the use of word processing for written assignments.
- ☞ Recognize that regular attendance is mandatory for success in Science.

## Hints for Improving Science Grades

- Review the lab reports before they are turned in. Check for understanding. Check to see if the conclusion correctly answers the problem statement. Check for spelling and grammar errors.
- Read the chapter early in the unit. Look at the pictures/charts/graphs in the chapter. Outline the main topics. Define the key terms. Make note/flash cards for the key terms.
- Answer all questions at the end of each section even if not assigned.
- Answer all questions at the end of the chapter even if not assigned.
- Do workbook pages for corresponding chapter even if not assigned.
- Take good notes. Write down what is on the board/overhead/monitor, but also write down what is being said in class.
- Take EXCELLENT notes on the review day before the test.
- Ask questions in class AND come in after school to get extra help. This means that you may have had to read the chapter ahead of test time.
- Start a study session with friends in the class.
- Do ALL of the homework.
- Be in school regularly, especially lab days.