PARENT FAQ

1: How can I help my child succeed in your class?

A: \* Encourage students to stay organized by utilizing BLEND

\* Encourage students to write down agenda in daily

planner/agenda book

\* Encourage students to keep up with science binder

\* Check ttasneem.yolasite.com for daily assignments

\* If students are struggling, encourage students to come to

tutoring (does not have to be my tutoring day)

2: What is your grading policy?

Labs 40%

Tests 30%

Homework Starters/ Classwork 20%

Quizzlets 10%

### 3: How do I keep track of my student's grade?

### A: We will continue using TEAMS to keep student grades and assignments. I have hidden this access on BLEND as they are not seamlessly connecting yet. Parents having issues with creating their parent cloud account should review Account Creation Instructions under Parent Cloud Instructions or contact the Parent Support Help line at 512-414-9187.

### Although I try my best to keep grades updated weekly, I do make mistakes occasionally and may fall behind. I do try to give back graded assignments in a timely manner and students should keep these records in their binders.

### 4: How can I contact You?

### Email (Tania.tasneem@austinisd.org) is the best way to contact me and get a timely response (usually the same day). Phone: 512.841.1145

### 5: Where can I find my student's homework?

### Agendas are posted daily on the whiteboard, on the screen as students walk in, on my website, and in the calendar in BLEND. Students should keep track of their agendas as they see fit.

6: What Should I do if my student is absent?

### There are three systems in place for students to find missing work. Students with excused absences have ONE WEEK to make up labs and other missed work after school during tutoring or during an elective class (with teacher permission).

### We have a buddy memo system in class in which a student who sits next to or at the same table as yours will fill out a buddy memo form and attach all papers handed out that day then place them in the buddy memo box located under the agenda at the front of the room. When your student returns, they should first check the buddy memo box.

### To the right of the buddy memo box, there is a bulletin board labeled “What Did We Do?” where students can access the assignments they missed.

### Check ttasneem.yolasite.com

1. Ask Ms. Tasneem at the end of class or send and email

### 7: What is a Science Binder?

### A: The Science Binder is used each day to help stay organized. If your child misses class, it is important he/she independently asks a student in his/her class period to see the work that was missed. The Science binder is a way to help your student stay organized with the material covered in class. It is a 3 ring binder (any size) with the following labeled dividers (a guideline for students, they may use others):

1. Class Documents

2. Notes/Classwork

3. Labs

4. Homework Readings/Assignments

5. Quizzlets/Test Reviews

8: When are your office hours?

Office hours are from 3:00-4:00pm Tuesday-Thursday every week. This is a time for students to make up work, get extra help with content, or work quietly on homework.

Tuesday- Mr. Slapak (Rm 115)

Wednesday- Mr. Barton (Rm 114)

Thursday- Ms. Tasneem (Rm 113)

9: Do you accept late work?

The late work policy that will be enforced in this class is the same for **All** 8th grade core classes. Students have three **SCHOOL** days (not 3 class days) to turn in late work to earn up to half credit.

10: Are there opportunities for extra credit?

Extra Credit is available for students until the 5th week of each grading period. Extra Credit only applies to the lowest quiz grade or homework grade. There are no extra credit points awarded to students for poor lab grades or test grades.

Please see file for extra credit opportunities for this semester!