

Group Contract

Science Research Project 2010-2011

To make sure that our project gets completed in an accurate, efficient manner, we agree to the following rules:

1. We will be on time and present for class, work sessions, and meetings.
2. We will all strive to contribute as much as possible to group projects and assignments.
3. We will exhibit a positive and professional attitude towards our work and social interactions.
4. We will listen to each other's ideas before prioritizing our own.
5. When we each have our own idea for solving a problem, we agree to take turns casting the deciding vote. In the event that we can't come to agreement, either on what decision to make or who should decide, we will consult with our teacher.
6. We will share evenly personal expenses and the use of personal equipment.
7. We will do our best to separate our personal relationships from our work relationships.
8. We will consult with our teacher **promptly** if we are having a conflict we cannot resolve.
9. If we select the honor's option, we will participate in the Central Western Oregon Science Expo (CWOSE) on March 5, 2010 and, should we qualify for additional expos, attend subsequent events.
10. While the bulk of our research will take place during the first part of the year, we will participate in events as requested during the second part of the year (i.e. OSU expo's, open houses, etc....).
11. We will abide by the timeline and milestones schedule as provided by our instructor(s).

If one of us fails to abide by these rules, the following will result:

1. At least one of us will tell our teacher.
2. We will have a group meeting with our teacher.
3. At the conclusion of the group meeting, our teacher will decide on one of these two alternatives:
 - a. We will agree to a mutually acceptable resolution of the problem (this is the preferred solution).
 - b. We will split the group apart and each begin a new, individual project with a due date to be determined by the instructor. (project requirements may be modified by our teacher to ensure fairness).

If a situation arises that is not covered by the above contract, the following will result:

1. At least one of us will tell our teacher.
2. We will have a group meeting with our teacher.
3. A new rule will be developed and added to the above list.

Use the space below, and the back of the form if needed, to write down your group's **big idea** and **specific question to pursue**:

Please sign below to indicate your agreement to the above rules and procedures:

_____ Student Signature	_____ Date
_____ Parent Signature	_____ Date
_____ Name of Partner #1	
_____ Name of Partner #2	
_____ Name of Partner #3	

There will be an informational meeting for parents on 9/29 at 5:30 pm right before this year's open house. The meeting will be in room F21.

Please remember -- your teacher will assume, unless you speak with him, that your group is operating effectively under the rules and procedures described above. If you are having any problems with your group (including an unequal distribution of work), it is your responsibility to tell your teacher as soon as possible.