



Science Research

September, 2016

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! Science Research is a three-year outreach program of the State University of NY at Albany, through which each student explores a topic of their choice. By the end of sophomore year, students must find a scientist involved in their field of interest to serve as their mentor. Further details can be found on the class page (<http://hs.nyackschools.org>), as well as at the Science Research in the High School (SRHS) site at <http://albany.edu/scienceresearch/>.

Grading:

Semester grades will be determined by the following criteria:

Bi-weekly assessment/Research Progress:	40%
Lab Notebook & Portfolio:	20%
Class Participation:	20%
Projects/Presentations*:	20%

- * *Seniors are expected to participate in a minimum of four of the following competitions, Juniors are expected to participate in the Westchester-Rockland JSHS and the Rockland County SIT, and Sophomores will participate in SIT only.*

- 1. The Siemens Competition: paper and application submitted by 9/20/16*
- 2. Regeneron STS (Formerly the Intel Talent Search) : transcript and recommendations by 11/9/16, paper and application by 11/16/2016*
- 3. The Westchester-Rockland JSHS: paper submitted 11/2016, symposium on 2/4/17*
- 4. The Greater Capital Region Science and Engineering Fair: competition 3/18/17*
- 5. Rockland County SIT Exhibition. competition TBD spring 2017*

Please mark your calendar with the above dates.

Participation in the end-of-year symposium, on Thursday, June 1 at 6:30 PM, is mandatory and will replace a final exam.

Required Materials:

- Three-inch, three-ring binder
- A minimum of 15 notebook dividers
- Laboratory notebook (This notebook will be provided by the school.)
- A flash drive, 1 GB or larger

Sincerely,

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I understand that all students enrolled in the Science Research class must spend a minimum of 3.5 hours per week outside of class on research.

I have noted the dates of required competitions for the 2016-2017 school year.

Further, I understand that participation in the Nyack High School Science Symposium on **June 1, 2017** is mandatory.

Student's name (please print) _____

Student's signature _____

Parent/Guardian name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Parent/Guardian phone no. & best time to call _____

Parent/Guardian e-mail address _____

Comments:

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I have read the Plagiarism Agreement and agree to its conditions.

Student Signature: _____ date: _____