

COLLABORATION COMMITMENT ON LAB REPORTS

We, the teachers of AP chemistry, encourage lab partners to work together on lab reports. However, in years past, there seemed to be some confusion on the difference between “working together” and copying. Our definition of “work together” is as follows:

*Lab partners must find a time to work on the lab report TOGETHER, ideally at the same location. If the same location is impossible, then a minimum of a thorough, in-depth phone conversation should take place. Ideally, partners will discuss each aspect of the lab at the same time. **They are not to split up the lab** (ex: you do this part, I'll do that part. . . . we'll put them together later so we can save time.) In fact, because we are encouraging you to have added discussion, working together on a lab may even take longer as compared to going solo. However, since a few brains are better than one, the reward of working together will be displayed in the enhanced depth and thoughtfulness in the lab write-up. ALL lab partners must write-up the lab in their notebook. Answers and discussions should be similar, **but not the same.***

In fact, for grading purposes, only ONE of the group's lab reports will be graded. The group members will decide which lab report is the most thorough. This lab will be placed on top when turning it in. **All** lab partners will turn in a lab. The responsibility of the top lab report should cycle **evenly** through the lab group's members. The lab partners who are not turning in their labs for the top grade will serve to fact check, edit and proof-read the document.