

Laboratory Fee Schedules

Platinum Student Plan

Lab preparation: Platinum Students will have their lab notebooks prepared by a professional. They will find all of the equipment needed for the day's experiments at their stations already assembled for them early in the period. Their partners will collect and record all data, and prepare the report.

Lab work: Platinum Students can be assured that their experiments will always obey natural law. Percent error will be assumed as zero.

Lab clean-up: Platinum Students *never* clean up the laboratory and may leave all equipment out or in the sinks. Teachers, custodians, and other students will clean up after them. The department will use any monies left over from those custodial salaries to replace broken glassware that rapidly accumulates. Platinum Students may choose to discard used glassware directly into trash cans from some distance, a very efficient means of breaking and disposing of glassware simultaneously. They may use the plastic wash bottles for impromptu water fights. They may also eat during class and leave all food trash in the desk cubbyholes for Copper Students, the teacher, and the custodial staff to dispose of.

Lab partners: Platinum members will be assigned Copper Plan lab partners, who will have the responsibility to leave home the lab data making it impossible for reports to be finished on time, resulting in appropriate grading penalties.

Platinum Student Plan also includes all benefits of the Gold Student Plan, following:

Gold Student Plan

Lab preparation: Gold Students may request that teachers assemble their equipment, however this will only be accomplished *after* all Platinum members are accommodated, which may mean that the equipment will be set-up too late for completion of the experiment. Hence the modest cost of Gold membership. Preparation of laboratory notebooks consists of taping or stapling lab handout pages into the laboratory notebook, including forms on which to record data.

During the Experiment: Gold Students may feel free to use the sinks as trash cans and carry stock bottles of chemicals right to their tables. They may aim test tubes of potassium chlorate at their teachers during the heating of chlorates and nitrates. They may leave balances set at masses other than zero after use. They may leave covers off of reagent bottles and leave the Mg ribbon exposed to the air. They play with matches during lectures. They may unscrew the various moving parts of utility clamps and leave the separated pieces for other hapless students to reassemble. And of course they may build architectural designs in the laboratory using ring stands, clamps, etc. Gold Student members may laugh at other Copper Plan students who accidentally break equipment. They may play ring stand hangman, stopper ball, spin the pipet and other laboratory games during laboratory experiments.

Lab take-down: Gold Student members *may* leave glassware in the sinks in the rear of the room, but can be expected to receive criticism from the teacher. Teachers simply cannot be expected to remember the names of all Gold Student members so Gold Student members should carry their membership cards with them at all times. Gold Student members may not intentionally break glassware but may leave breakage of glassware to chance in the sinks. Gold Student members will be expected to return all other equipment to the drawers or shelves, however not necessarily the appropriately labeled drawers or shelves. Teachers will periodically go through the drawers and relocate misplaced equipment. Gold Student members may leave rubber stoppers, paper, matches, metal fragments, and other debris in the sinks.

Copper Plan

Cost: Not a cent. Completely free. Gratis. Zilch. Nada. For this truly negligible cost, Copper Students are given complete immunity to any accidental laboratory breakage providing they do *not* engage in activities paid for by Platinum or Gold Student members. Copper Student members also have the responsibility to leave their lab area and the laboratory and classroom in general in a better condition than they found it.

Circle one of the following, sign the form, and attach a check if either Platinum or Gold plan.

Platinum Plan:

Cost: Initial one-time payment of \$1,999,999.99

Gold Plan:

Cost: Initial one-time payment of \$29,189.99

Copper Plan (recommended)

Cost: \$0.00 Completely free. Gratis. Zilch. Nada. For this truly negligible cost, Copper Students are given complete immunity to any accidental laboratory breakage providing they do *not* engage in any activities paid for by Platinum Student or Gold Student members.

Student Signature