

# **Orientation – Technology Lab**

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## **Welcome!**

I want to welcome you to the Technology Class. This is the second year of a new program introduced to the Folsom/Cordova USD, Project Lead the Way (PLTW). Local businesses along with Folsom Lake College have partnered with our school district in order to introduce students to Engineering. We have a shortage of Engineers now, which will continue into the future if programs such as this are not implemented. New fields of Engineering are being created as technology grows and students need to be exposed to the opportunities of the future. Starting with Middle School, Math and Science applications are used in “real world” situations to create this exciting new class. To find out more about the program, go to [www.pltw.org](http://www.pltw.org). The class has five spokes to the Middle School covered in three years – Gateway to Technology Program. The spokes include the following curriculum: science of technology, engineering design, automation/robotics, electronics and aeronautics.

You will notice that the lab area is designed in an exciting way and that each area contains expensive equipment. I am very proud of our facilities and want to keep them looking nice and in good shape. It is your responsibility to do your part to protect the equipment and to help with the daily room maintenance. Remember that everyone must be careful and safe. I hope that your experiences in this class will be interesting and fun!

## **Classroom Policies**

1. Be in your assigned seat BEFORE the bell rings.
2. Respect school property, the property of others, and each other.
3. Stay seated unless excused by the teacher.
4. Team bathroom passes will be used in case of emergencies only. Remember to use the bathrooms during passing period and lunch.
5. Discussion between partners only.
6. FOOD, DRINKS OR GUM are not allowed in the Technology Lab.

## **Attendance Policies**

1. Attendance is very important in this class. School policy is in force here. Since I don't give homework, class participation, activities and tests are the only grades earned.
2. Class will be dismissed when every student is in his/her seat and the instructor dismisses class.
3. A student is considered tardy if (s)he is not in assigned seat when the bell begins to ring. In order for a tardy to be excused, the student must have an excused tardy slip from the office or another teacher. All tardies are reported to the office and school consequences are in effect, plus one citizenship grade is lost for every three tardies a student earns.
4. If you are sick, it is your responsibility to notify the instructor in order to get an alternative assignment or make up class work on student's time.

## **Grading Policies**

1. All grades are listed on [www.Edline.net](http://www.Edline.net). If you don't have internet access, come in at lunch to download your work or get your grade.

2. I grade on a point system. Each day a student receives 10 points if they are present and in their seat on time. Each page of work completed in their notebook is worth 10 points. All quizzes and tests are open notebook, so it is important that the notebooks are kept up to date and are completed with a table of contents. Tests are worth 25 points and quizzes are worth 10 points.

### **Laboratory Policies**

3. Check the lab materials before and after you work on any assignment to make sure everything is in its place and not damaged. If you don't do this and the next group finds missing items, you are responsible for replacing the damage done. Do your part to keep this program going.

4. If you have a question while working, place your name on the board under the previous name listed.

5. Help your neighbor if they are stuck, and you can help them. Remember there is only one of me, so help your neighbor.

6. Make sure hands are clean before touching the computer to make sure germs aren't spread.

7. Have fun!

### **Current News**

All grades and information are posted daily on the Edline site, [www.Edline.net](http://www.Edline.net). In this class, ***you will need a graph paper notebook, a glue stick and highlighter*** each day. We will use the items listed daily. You will use every page, so don't waste your pages. The notebook will be kept in class (except when you study for tests) so that you don't lose it. At the end of the trimester, take it home.

The Technology Lab is costly to run. The district has already spent \$500,000 in equipment for the PLTW program this summer. Consumables are needed for the program. There are many ways in which to help cover some of the costs. To cover some of the cost, I am collecting used cell phones, and laser and ink cartridges. Go to [www.fundingfactory.com](http://www.fundingfactory.com) to see what is accepted as donations. I will even pick up the donations from a local business. Otherwise, send all donations to room S-2 (next to the CAVE) or the school office. My email address is [dkrikour@fcusd.org](mailto:dkrikour@fcusd.org) and my phone number is 985-3644. Thank you!

### **Parent/Student/Classroom Agreement**

I have read and agree to abide by set classroom rules and regulations. Class Period \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

The best daytime phone number to reach parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

You will glue this sheet to the back of your notebook. It is due on Friday.