

ONLINE FORUMS CODE of CONDUCT

In order to join and participate in the online forums for your science class, you must abide by the Code of Conduct set forth in the list below. Your participation in a forum is neither required nor included in the grade you earn for the class in any way.

Although this forum is a virtual, online one, your conduct here is expected to be the same as if it was in person in a class room, or elsewhere on campus. You will be held to the same behavior standards as outlined in the Student Handbook. For that reason, any violations of this Code of Conduct or the rules and expectations set forth in the Student Handbook will be subject to teacher and/or administrative discipline.

1. Only current students will be allowed to participate in the forum.
 - a. You may only participate in the forum for your subject. For example: current AP biology students may only participate in the AP biology forum.
 - b. Your membership in the forum will be terminated when: (i) the school year comes to an end, (ii) you drop the class, or (iii) you are removed for violating any portion of this Code of Conduct or the rules and expectations set forth in the Student Handbook. See below for more information about violations.
2. In order to join the forum, you must request membership and be approved by the teacher. All current students are eligible to join until a condition as outlined in code 1.b. above is met.
 - a. You have an email address that is your actual name used in class. For example: sparklerainbowunicorn@gmail.com would not be approved, because your identity is not made clear by your email. An acceptable email could look something like this: josh_smith@gmail.com. You may need to create a new email address to meet this requirement.
 - b. You must set your posting name to be your full first name and last initial. For example: Joshua S.
 - c. Any profile picture you select must be school appropriate.
3. You may create new discussion threads or participate in ones already started.
 - a. Discussions MAY NOT violate class or school policies on academic dishonesty.
 - b. Discussions must be about the class content: lectures/PowerPoints, lab activities, worksheets, assignment requirements, etc.
 - c. The content of a post (text, images, emojis) must be school appropriate.
 - d. Replies to postings must be on topic and contribute usefully to the conversation.
 - e. You may pose relevant, content-related questions to your classmates and/or the teacher.
 - i. You may reply to questions/comments with accurate responses.
 - f. You may share empirical lab data in a posting, but MAY NOT violate class or school policies on academic dishonesty.
 - g. The forum is NOT to be used to engage in debate. Argumentative posts WILL result in warnings and/or removal from the forums and MAY result in school and/or administrative discipline.

4. You must treat all participants respectfully.
 - a. You MAY NOT use language that has obscene language or sexual content, threatens or defames any person or organization, violates the legal ownership interest of another party, promotes illegal activity, promotes commercial services or products, or contains contents that promote, foster, or perpetuate discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, age, religion, gender, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, national origin, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation.
 - b. Language of a threatening or bullying nature is NOT permitted.
 - c. Postings that include any of the above will result in teacher and/or administrative discipline.
5. Participating in the forums means you understand and accept the following:
 - a. The teacher will be monitoring the forums for the purposes of both participating in them and enforcing this Code of Conduct and the rules and expectations set forth in the Student Handbook.
 - b. Your participation in a forum is neither required nor included in the grade you earn for the class in any way.
 - c. Although this forum is a virtual, online one, your conduct here is expected to be the same as if it was in person in a class room, or elsewhere on campus.
 - d. Violations of this Code of Conduct or the rules and expectations set forth in the Student Handbook will be subject to teacher and/or administrative discipline.
 - e. You have read and understand all conditions set forth in this Code of Conduct.
 - f. You will report any behavior that violates this Code of Conduct or the rules and expectations set forth in the Student Handbook.
 - g. All discussion content (postings and replies) will be archived and removed at the close of the school year.