

Petition to work as a team
Sophomores Only

Given that the Science Fair project will span two quarters and given that a student's grade can be severely affected by the project, I am extremely concerned that the choice of working with a partner is not taken lightly and that all interested parties are aware of, and agree to, the arrangement. If, after reading this, any interested parent or student is at all uncertain about the concept of teamwork as I have presented it, I suggest that an individual project be undertaken.

It is reasonable to assume that students working in teams will work together to divide their work load. It is a caution however, that when work is split, students **MUST TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL OF THE WORK FOR THAT PROJECT**. If one student in a team fails to meet his/her commitment, the other must take up the slack, or suffer the consequences (as in real life team situations). By agreeing to work as a team, you are agreeing to be graded as a team. I will not judge the input of individuals to a given project, only the project itself.

It is also reasonable to assume that two students should be responsible for a project of more depth and time commitment than a project completed by one student. Students will be allowed to work as a group only after they outlined a project of sufficient scope and depth to justify the work of two persons.

On a separate page, please explain the following:

- a. How long the students have known each other
- b. Other projects (school or otherwise) that the students may have worked on together or in a team situation before where grades were based on shared responsibility.
- c. Why both students want to do this specific project
- d. How having two students will make a better project (justify how a team project will adequately use the time of both students). Students on teams are required to put in the same amount of time as a student working individually.
- e. Explain your plan to divide the work involved in the project

I have left the spaces below for the signatures of both petitioning students and their parents/guardians. All four signatures must be present for me to accept a petition for consideration.

I have read, understand, and accept the responsibilities of working in a team and understand that my grade will be affected by the work habits of another.

Student #1 _____ Student #2 _____

I have read, understand, and accept the responsibilities placed on my student as a member of a team and understand that my student's grade will be affected by the work habits of another.

Parent/guardian #1 _____ Parent/guardian #2 _____