

**Victor High School**  
**EARTH Science Department**

Dear Parent(s),

The NYS Regents science courses are laboratory oriented. The following criteria must be met for admission to the NYS Regents exam in June: **each student in a Regents science course must complete a minimum of 1200 minutes of laboratory investigation, and have on file at the High School, the written reports of these acceptable investigations.** Labs are kept on-file for one year AFTER course completion per State Regulation.

The successful completion of the student's course of study is the goal of the Science Department. For this reason the following points are emphasized:

1. The N.Y. State minimum lab requirement (30- forty minute periods of lab with write-up) is the lowest number a teacher may require. Most teachers will conduct more than the minimum. All labs will be graded and the lab average will represent approximately 15-20% of the marking period grade.
2. A student who is legally absent from a laboratory period should make up the assigned laboratory investigation as soon as possible during 5<sup>th</sup> period.
3. All labs must be completed by the end of the marking period. If three or more laboratory reports are missing at the end of the quarter or five week marking period, a grade of 64 will be automatically assigned.
4. The first week of June is the deadline for the completion of the lab requirement. Students deficient in the laboratory requirement by the Regents Lab TEST date (first week of June) will not be allowed to take the Lab test or the written portion of the NYS Regents Exam during Regents Test Week.
5. In order for a student to take a Regents science course during summer school, the laboratory requirement must be met during the regular school year.
6. Missing or Late labs may be made-up/completed at any point during the school year for Regents Lab credit.

We hope this letter will be of benefit to students and parents. If there are any questions, please contact your instructor at: [montonet@victorschools.org](mailto:montonet@victorschools.org)