



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Your child has expressed interest in the Science Research Program at Hudson Falls High School. The research course is a three year elective, starting Sophomore year, in which students choose a topic and carry out an original research project on that topic. The student does ALL of what professional researchers do, from journal readings, to finding a research advisor, planning a project and carrying it out to an appropriate research conclusion. As the work progresses, the student writes research papers, creates posters and presents research findings at available competitions and symposia as determined by the instructor. During the students' Junior and Senior years, he or she may elect to take the course for college credit for a total of up to twelve credits at the State University of Albany. Also during the Junior and Senior years, each student is required to enter available venues for competition as determined by the instructor. All students are welcome to apply regardless of past academic history. The only prerequisite is that the candidate be a self-motivated, hard worker.

Please read the information below as it will give you a better understanding of what is required for students to be accepted and successful, once enrolled (Note: There are limited openings). In order to be considered in this program, students must do all of the following in a timely manner:

- ☐ Submit the Science Research Application by March 25. The application includes:
 - ☐ Google Form Application which includes an essay to be uploaded
 - ☐ Submit this Parent/Guardian form.
 - ☐ Attend an informal interview with the Science Department. The date for the interview will be made when the application materials are handed in (tentative)
- ☐ Attend (with at least one adult) the Hudson Falls Local Science Symposium on May 20th. Students are encouraged to bring their entire family and friends.
- ☐ Complete the Science Research Summer Assignment which is due on the first day of classes in September (instructions to this will be given when student is accepted)

A student's success in science research requires dedication, parental support and some sacrifices which depend on the following:

- Commitment to enroll in ALL 4 Core Regents Science courses (Regents Level Living Environment, Earth Science, Chemistry and Physics) or equivalent
- Realization that the Science Research course will take the place of a Study Hall as well as possibly other electives.
- Required to attend competitions and events on weekends, during school hours and after school hours

If there are any questions or concerns prior to the informational meeting, please do not hesitate to contact us. If you want more information about the program, including a promotional video, please visit:

www.tinyurl.com/HFSciRea

Complete and sign below. Your signature indicates commitment to the above.

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Hudson Falls Science Research Parent/Guardian Application Agreement

I, the parent/guardian of the student applicant, agree to the information about the Hudson Falls Science Research Application stated above and understand that my agreement will be interpreted as my signature indicating commitment.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number (s): _____

Parent/Guardian Emails(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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