

Professional Update

High School Science Department

Directions: *As our school district continues to grow, it is important that we make sure that we are communicating procedures, guidelines, and expectations to all teachers. This professional update questionnaire is one way to ensure all high school science teachers are aware of important district expectations. Please check either Yes or No beside each statement below, sign, and return to your department chair.*

Yes No I understand that I should have on file a safety contract for each of my students, signed by both the student and parent/guardian.

Yes No I have provided safety training for all of my students and have assessed their understanding of safety procedures that apply both in the lab and in the classroom.

Yes No I am aware of the condition of all safety equipment in the rooms I use and have reported any equipment that is not functioning properly to my Department Chair.

Yes No I understand that the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) require that 40% of instructional time in all science courses be spent on hands-on lab and field investigations.

Yes No I have read and analyzed the TEKS for the courses I am teaching and understand the level of Bloom's Taxonomy for teaching and assessing these TEKS.

Yes No I have received a copy of the Denton ISD *Key Components of An Effective Science Program and the Science Program Philosophy*.

Yes No I have received a copy of the *Denton ISD Science Instructional Exemplars* for high school courses which outline best practices in the science classroom.

Yes No I understand that it is a Denton ISD policy that any student who philosophically disagrees with dissection must be given an equivalently appropriate alternative assignment and not be forced to participate in dissection activities. There is one exception to this policy which applies to the Anatomy and Physiology course since it is an elective.

Teacher Name (print) _____

Campus _____

Course(s) _____

Teacher Signature _____