



## Newfield High School

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Dear Families,

Our teachers have been working with dedication and a great deal of effort to make our College and Career Ready (CCR) labs as effective and supportive as possible. As a reminder, CCR labs are co-taught by two or more teachers, and they provide our students with direct teacher support in completing school work, studying for upcoming assessments, conducting research, completing projects, Regents prep, SAT practice, and other academic enrichment opportunities. These labs also give our students a chance to look for, apply for, and prepare for jobs, both in the present and looking towards the future.

Part of our effort to improve the effectiveness of CCR labs includes communicating directly with you about how your daughter or son is doing in these labs. Specifically, we want you to know about your child's personal growth in the areas of work habits, work quality, and cooperation with teachers.

There are three documents included in this report card packet that we hope will give you a reasonable idea of the ways in which your daughter/son is meeting our expectations for these labs, and the areas where she/he may need to grow. We believe that personal growth as a student requires honest reflection on one's work habits, on the quality of one's work, and on one's cooperation with teachers. For this reason, your child completed a ***marking period reflection sheet***. In addition, we know that educators and students do not always see things the same way. For this reason, both the student and her/his CCR lab teachers each completed an ***evaluation rubric***.

Please read these three documents together to notice the places where your child and her/his teachers agree, and to notice the places where they may disagree. Also compare your child's reflection comments to the grades and comments on her/his report card. By reviewing all of this information together, we hope that you and your child will be able to talk about the specific ways that she/he has already achieved meaningful academic and personal success, and that you will be able to help her/him set specific goals that you both believe are worth striving towards.

As always, please contact me if you have any feedback to share, or if you have any questions. Thank you for continuing to help us achieve our vision. We are Newfield: **Conscious, Consistent, Committed** to what is best for our **Community**.

Sincerely,

Barry Derfel  
High School Principal