

Metric Lab (Lots of points possible)

Objective: This lab is designed to give the student hands on experience measuring Length, Volume, Mass Temperature and the Density of various objects using the metric system.

Procedures:

1. Follow the directions at each station carefully.
2. Do not move samples or equipment from one station to another.
3. Students are required to do all work at each station themselves, but may work in groups of 3 or 4.
4. This lab requires each person to visit **each of 9 lab stations** and follow the directions at each station. It makes no difference where you begin.
6. If a station is occupied by two groups, wait until it clears before approaching.
7. Work safely and carefully throughout the lab exercise.
8. Immature, reckless, dangerous, or unsafe behavior **will not** be tolerated. Violators will be removed from the room and receive a zero on this lab-**no exceptions.**
9. Record your results on this lab worksheet

Station 1: Metric Measurements - Length

USE A **METER STICK** TO RECORD THE FOLLOWING MEASUREMENTS to the nearest **.01 meters** then calculate decimeters and centimeters.

| Object | Meters | Decimeters | Centimeters |
|-------------------------|--------|------------|-------------|
| Table Top (Length) | | | |
| Height of Chair | | | |
| Whiteboard (Length) | | | |
| Classroom Door Width | | | |
| Tallest Person in group | | | |

Station 2: Metric Measurements - Length

USE THE CENTIMETER RULE TO MEASURE THE FOLLOWING (to the nearest millimeter). Then convert your answer to millimeters and decimeters:

| Object | Decimeters | Centimeters | Millimeters |
|--|------------|-------------|-------------|
| The diameter of a Quarter | | | |
| Piece of notebook paper (Height) | | | |
| Length of a Highlighter Pen | | | |
| Diameter of the CD-ROM | | | |
| Measurements of a dollar bill (Width) | | | |

Station 3: Metric Measurements – Volume of a solid

USE A MILLIMETER RULE TO CALCULATE THE VOLUME OF THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS. MEASURE TO THE NEAREST .1 CENTIMETER:

Remember the radius is 1/2 of the diameter

The formula for volume of a “box” is $V = L \times W \times H$

The formula for a cylinder is $V = 3.14 \times \text{Height} \times (\text{radius})^2$

| “Box” Type Objects | Length x | Width x | Height = | Volume | |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| Whiteboard Eraser | | | | | |
| <i>Systematic Theology</i> Book | | | | | |
| Band-Aid Box | | | | | |
| Cylinder Type Objects | Pi x | Height x | Radius x | Radius = | Volume |
| Tomato Paste can | 3.14 | | | | |
| Can of Soup | 3.14 | | | | |
| Large Vial | 3.14 | | | | |

Station 4: Metric Measurements – Volume of liquid displaced

USE THE LIQUID, GRADUATED CYLINDERS AND MEASURING CUP TO CALCULATE THE VOLUME OF THESE IRREGULAR OBJECTS USING LIQUID DISPLACEMENT TECHNIQUES DISCUSSED IN LECTURE.

| Object | mls of liquid in the Graduated Cylinder plus the object | mls of liquid in the graduated Cylinder Only | mls of liquid displaced by the object |
|------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Small Vial | | | |
| Large Vial | | | |
| Rock #1 | | | |
| Coral | | | |

Station 5: Metric Measurements – Volume of liquid

Accurately read the volume of the colored liquid in the pipettes and graduated cylinders at this station. You must determine the scale used by each of the measuring devices. Be sure to add the units of measure to each answer.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Station 6: Metric Measurements – Mass

Use the electronic balances to determine the grams of each sample to the nearest .1 grams

- | | Grams | Oz. | |
|----|-------|-------|-----------|
| 1. | _____ | _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. | _____ | _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. | _____ | _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. | _____ | _____ | 8. _____ |
| 9. | _____ | _____ | 10. _____ |

Station 7: Metric Measurements – Mass

Use the Triple Beam Balance to calculate the mass of the items numbered below to the nearest .1 grams:

- 1. (empty test tube) _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Station 8: Metric Measurements: Density= Mass / Volume

The volume of the capped test tubes has been calculated to be approximately 19 mls. Subtract the actual mass of the above 10 items from the actual mass of the empty test tube to get the actual mass of the material inside the test tube. Then calculate the density of each item and record your results below:

- 1. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Station 9: Metric Measurements: Density= Mass / Volume

Use the density blocks, use the electronic scales to determine the mass, use the volume provided and now calculate the density:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____
- 11. _____
- 12. _____

_____ Which block is densest?

_____ Which block is least dense?

_____ What is the average density of the blocks?

_____ Water has a density of 1.0 g/ml. Which, if any, of the above blocks do you think would float?