Lab Performance Observation Rubric

Criteria	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement
Performing the Task	 Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the scientific concept being tested. Performs the experiment with minimal guidance or errors. 	 Demonstrates a good understanding of the scientific concept being tested. Performs the experiment with some guidance or minor errors. 	 Demonstrates a basic understanding of the scientific concept being tested. Performs the experiment with significant guidance or moderate errors. 	 Demonstrates a poor understanding of the scientific concept being tested. Performs the experiment with significant guidance or numerous errors.
Use of Equipment	 Sets up and uses all necessary equipment as instructed Demonstrates a thorough understanding of how each piece of equipment functions. Maintains and cares for equipment. 	 Sets up and uses most necessary equipment as instructed Demonstrates a good understanding of how each piece of equipment functions. Maintains and cares for equipment with some guidance. 	 Sets up and uses most necessary equipment as instructed with some guidance. Demonstrates a basic understanding of how each piece of equipment functions. Maintains and cares for equipment with significant guidance. 	 Sets up and uses necessary equipment requiring significant guidance Demonstrates a poor understanding of how each piece of equipment functions. Does not maintain or care for equipment.
Following Instructions	 Follows all written and verbal instructions given by the teacher or lab instructions with attention to detail and without needing clarification. Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the instructions before proceeding with the experiment. 	 Follows all written and verbal instructions given by the teacher or lab instructions with attention to detail, but may need to ask for clarification once or twice. Demonstrates a good understanding of the instructions before proceeding with the experiment. 	 Follows most written and verbal instructions given by the teacher or lab instructions, but may need to ask for clarification multiple times. Demonstrates a basic understanding of the instructions before proceeding with the experiment. 	 Struggles to follow written and verbal instructions given by the teacher or lab instructions and frequently needs to ask for clarification. Demonstrates a poor understanding of the instructions before proceeding with the experiment.