

LABORATORY TECHNICIAN INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

As the school Laboratory Technician and an integral part of the Science team, what do you perceive as the key roles in the operation of the school lab with respect to:

- a) Dealing with chemicals
- b) Maintaining functional laboratory equipment

What safety practices, procedures and standards would you ensure are in place here at this school and how would you implement these?

As a Laboratory Technician, what do you believe would be the administrative and clerical duties associated with your position?

You arrive at work to find a list of tasks to be completed. Outline how you would prioritise and deal with these tasks:

- a) An existing booking to assist a staff member in the first period with a practical demonstration
- b) A late request for the set- up of an experiment in Period 1
- c) Noticed a liquid spill on the floor with a partially filled chemical jar nearby.
- d) Relief teacher in the prep room looking for textbooks for Grade 9 Science in Period 1.

A significant role of this position will be working with students. This may involve doing demonstrations, supporting the teacher and assisting individual student/s. What skills and expertise can you bring to the students at this school?

What is your career plan or goal for the next five years?

What is your definition of acceptable attendance?

What do you think is important when working in a team environment?

What motivates you the most to high perform on the job (work ethic, work environment, money, job title status, education, growth, flexibility)?

What do you expect from your employer for a job well done or a job not well done?

How would you handle a situation where a team member was not performing their job to your satisfaction?

What type of exposure have you had in the past or present to a laboratory environment?

What types of lab equipment or testing have you personally had an opportunity to perform?

Have you had any experience buying, handling or using chemicals?

What type of computer applications have you had experience with?

What type of math applications have you experience with (stats, algebra, calc)?

Can you work alone and in some situations be self- directed?
Can you perform multitasks and do you like a challenge or prefer routine?
Are you afraid of making mistakes and how do you follow up when ones's made?
Do you like a constantly changing work environment and can you be flexible to change?
Why should be hire you for this job?
What safety practices, procedures and standards would you ensure are in place at this school to ensure the safety of staff and students?
Could you tell us how you would use computers to help you as a laboratory technician at this school?
What interpersonal skills and personal qualities will you bring to support staff and students at this school?
Tell us how you are able to project your industry background into this role – so as to engage teachers and students in real life, exciting and relevant science learning experiences?
<p>What would you do in the following scenario and why?</p> <p>A class is completing a chemistry experiment in a regular classroom, rather than a laboratory. You walk into the room and a student has spilt concentrated acid all over themselves, the desk and the carpet. You discover that the teacher has used acid from the prep room that had not been prepared for student use (it was too concentrated). Normally a teacher would only use this concentration of acid, rather than students.</p>