

MICROSCOPE PROTOCOL

Microscope Use:

1. Always use the microscope that you have been assigned.
2. Always carry your microscope with two hands.
3. If you detect a problem with your microscope, report it to your teacher.
4. Never allow the objective lenses to come into contact with the subject being viewed.
5. Do not attempt to clean optics.
6. If any water comes in contact with the microscope, dry it off at once.
7. Be very careful when focussing on medium and high power. The objective lens could come into contact with the subject, possibly breaking the slide or damaging the objective lens. Focus with the coarse focus only on low power. Use the fine focus on medium and high power. Be aware of the location of the objective lens above the subject at all times while focussing.

Returning Microscopes to Cart:

1. Be sure to remove and return all slides
2. Lower the stage as far as it will go.
3. Place on low power objective.
4. Wrap power cord neatly around the base.
5. Return to the **CORRECT** location on the cart, arm facing outwards, dust cover in place.