FAQs: Scheduling a NMSU-HHMI Mobile Molecular Lab Visit

Q. Which classrooms are appropriate to host a MML visit?
A. The MML activities are best suited for Life Science classrooms (e.g. Biology – all levels or Integrated Sciences provided students have covered DNA/genetics). In some cases a MML visit can be facilitated in an Anatomy and Physiology classroom.

Q. Can the MML curriculum be modified for shorter or longer class periods?
A. Yes, the activities may be modified to fit a different class period (e.g. 50 min or 90 minute meetings). The time allotted for each activity is flexible and often some activities are condensed into one day, or stretched across two days.

Q. Can the MML curriculum be modified for classes that do not meet the traditional 5 days/week?
A. Yes, depending on the class size and schedule, the MML activities can be revised to accommodate fewer class meetings per week.

Q. How many classes will the MML Outreach Scientist facilitate in a visit?
A. The HHMI Outreach Scientist will facilitate up to 3 classes/sections per day across one week.

Q. How many students can each class contain?
A. The HHMI Outreach Scientist will supply enough materials for up to 30 students per class.

Q. What information does the HHMI Outreach Scientist need prior to the MML visit?
A. Please provide the following information:
   - Meeting times of each class
   - Class description and level (e.g. Biology, 10th grade)
   - Number of students in each class

Q. Will I need to provide any materials for the MML visit?
A. The Outreach Scientist will bring all consumable materials to the school, as well as any equipment needed to run the lab. Some of the supplemental activities may require students to have access to calculators and/or computers.

Q. What are my responsibilities as a teacher hosting the MML?
A. We ask that the teacher help with the setup of the laboratory materials, and assist the students while participating in the laboratory activities. The Outreach Scientist will teach the class, lab, and prep for each class section. You will need to fill out a Demographics sheet for each class and grade the student worksheet, if you decide to have it turned in for credit.

Q. How far in advance can I schedule a MML visit?
A. Scheduling for fall semester begins August of that semester. Spring semester visits can also be scheduled during the Fall semester. While we try to schedule well ahead of visits (to allow adequate preparation for teachers and the MML staff), we recognize that schedules can change rapidly (as those teachers who had testing this Spring 2012 can attest to). This means that we may have last minute openings in our schedule. So please try to contact us well in advance, but do not hesitate to inquire about a visit even with a shorter lead time.