Common Suggestions on Graphs:

- Make main title underline different (more dominant) than axis titles
- Do not crowd titles against edge of paper
- Use pen for titles
- Main title should have larger font than axes titles
- Title should be specific, not general (e.g., “Flow Rate of Household Fluids”, not “Flow Rate Graph”)
- Underline titles
- Each main word of a title should have an upper case letter
- Spelling of title should be correct
- Don’t stop axis on a number, extend one square beyond last number
- Axis font should not be too big
- Include tick marks with axes beside all numbers
- Do not need to write all numbers along axes, write a number on every second line
- Be sure to list units (correct units) with axes
- Spacing on axis needs to be uniform
- Do not extend underlines too far from words
• Legends should have a box around them
• Leave space between the information in an information box and the outline
• Only use one colour for bars when you only have one set of data
• Keep spacing consistent
• Try to fill large empty spaces with something
• Use the space you have on the page
• Need to use graph paper
• Pencil crayon or pen should be used for lines, not highlighter or marker
• In a legend, represent the data appropriately, i.e., do not draw a box in blue to represent a blue line on a line graph, draw a blue line to represent a blue line
• Use a ruler for ALL straight lines