**Rules for drawing stratigraphic columns\*\***

1” margins, no exceptions!

Title is centered, all capital letters

Title should include general location

Include “Measured by” and “Date”

Use small letters, put this in an unobtrusive place (top right or bottom left)

Include labels on left side:

Major chronostratigraphic units: series, stage, formation

Thickness in meters

Height above base

Graphic column- label it “Grain size” or “Weathering profile”

Use standard lithologic symbols

If you have several units, use the same colors as your map

Draw or note unconformities, gaps in the section and faults

Include a column for samples, photo numbers, fossils or measurements

Include descriptions of beds

Keep it brief! Use phrases, not sentences

Put rock name first

Description should be directly across from the bed

Letter neatly or use computer lettering, left justify

Neatness, coloring and general artistic impression

Notes:

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