**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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