## Graphing with a Best Fit Line in Exel



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- Put your data into two columns in excel, with the $x$ (independent variable) in the left column)
-Highlight your data (not including the column titles)
-Click on "Insert", then "Scatter Chart", and then the first chart (the that gives you a plot with just the points, no line yet.)
- Click on data points so they become " $x$ " $s$, then right click on one so a menu appears. Click on "Add Trendline"
- A "Format Trendline" menu will appear on the right. Choose "Linear", "Automatic", and "Display Equation on chart"
- The equation will be in $y=m x+b$ format where " $m$ " is the slope and " $b$ " is the $y$-intercept.
- Change the chart title
- Click on the " + " to the right of the graph and you will be able to label your axis appropriately.

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