

Science Lab Safety Contract

The labs and activities completed in this class are designed to be reasonably safe when instructions are followed and proper care is taken. However, never forget that whenever chemicals are handled, there is always an element of danger and a degree of risk involved. In a science class, safety is everyone's responsibility and is the #1 priority in this class. Please read the following guidelines, sign the contract, and also have your parents sign the contract. Please keep this contract in your science folder/notebook at all times.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Follow all written and verbal instructions.
2. Never work alone unless instructed to do so.
3. No Student may work in the lab without an instructor present.
4. NEVER eat, drink or chew gum in the laboratory area.
5. Perform only the experiments authorized by the instructor. NEVER do anything in the lab that is not called for in the lab procedures or by your instructor. Unauthorized experiments are prohibited and will result in expulsion from the class and possibly the school.
6. Stay at your lab table during experiments, except when you need to acquire additional supplies or equipment.
7. Do not leave an experiment unattended. Experiments must be personally monitored at all times.
8. At the end of lab, the lab area MUST be as clean as, or cleaner than how it was when you started.
9. When using chemicals or Bunsen burners, do not sit on lab stools.
10. Know the location and operating procedures of all safety equipment including the eyewash station, safety shower, fire extinguisher and fire blanket. Know where exits are located and fastest escape routes in case of fire.
11. Students are never permitted in the science storage room or preparation areas.

CLOTHING

1. Goggles must be worn at ALL times during labs involving potentially harmful substances.
2. Dress properly for a lab. Long hair must be tied back. Loose clothes must be secured or removed.

ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES

1. Report any accident or injury to the instructor immediately, no matter how trivial it may appear to you.
2. If a chemical should splash in your eyes or on your skin, immediately flush with running water from the eyewash station or safety shower for at least 20 minutes.

HANDLING CHEMICALS

1. All chemicals in the laboratory are to be considered dangerous. Do not touch, taste or smell any chemicals unless specifically instructed to do so.
2. NEVER remove chemicals or other materials from the laboratory area. This is stealing and grounds for expulsion.

HANDLING GLASSWARE AND EQUIPMENT

1. If any of the equipment is lost or broken during a lab or through the course of the year, according to the provisions provided in state law, it is understood that the student will pay in full for the replacement of the said equipment according to the most current price.

CONSEQUENCES

1. Any violation of this safety contract that results in unsafe conduct in the laboratory or misbehavior on your part, depending on the severity as deemed by the instructor, may result in a failing lab grade, detention, suspension and/or expulsion from class.

By signing below, I am signifying that I have read and agree to follow all of the safety rules set forth in this contract. I realize that I must abide by these rules to insure my personal safety, and the safety of my fellow students and instructors. I am aware of the consequences should I not conduct myself in a safe manner.

STUDENT NAME (PRINT): _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____