

Lab Safety Contract

Science is a hands-on laboratory class and for that reason, **SAFETY** in the science classroom is the main priority for students, teachers and parents. In order to make sure that everyone is safe during laboratory activities, we must follow strict guidelines. Below is the list of guidelines everyone must follow during our lab activities. Make sure to keep a copy of these guidelines in your class binder to remind yourself of the department's rules.

1. Always conduct yourself in a responsible manner in the laboratory. Any inappropriate behavior during lab activities, will not be tolerated. Students who endanger others will not be allowed to do lab activities and automatically receive a score of zero on all labs. They may also be removed from class permanently.
2. Do not eat food, drink beverages (even bottled water) or chew gum in the laboratory. Never attempt to drink from laboratory sinks. Nothing goes in your mouth in this classroom.
3. When first entering a science room, do not touch any equipment, chemicals or other materials in the laboratory until you are instructed to do so. Unauthorized experiments are prohibited and will result in removal from lab, possibly permanently
4. Students must understand the proper utilization of science equipment before use. Always listen carefully when teachers explain the proper handling of lab equipment. Inappropriate use of lab equipment will result in suspension from the laboratory.
5. Only bring your laboratory instructions, worksheets, and/or reports to the lab bench. Other materials (books, purses, book bags, etc.) should be kept at your desk.
6. ALWAYS report any injury to the science teacher - regardless of how minor!
7. Safety goggles must be worn during any lab activity. Prescription glasses are no substitute.
8. Never take chemicals from an unlabeled container. Never carry stock bottles of chemicals away from the preparation table. Handle all chemicals as if they are hazardous.
9. Always wash your hands thoroughly when you have finished using chemicals. Always clean your lab station thoroughly when you have finished your lab activity using chemicals.
10. Report the breakage of any lab apparatus or glassware as soon as possible. Never handle broken glass with your bare hands. Never discard broken glass in the classroom wastebaskets it goes in the broken glass box.
11. Dispose of chemicals as directed by the classroom teacher. Solid chemicals, metals, matches, filter paper, and all other solid materials are to be disposed of in the proper waste containers, not in the sink. Always check with the teacher if you are unsure of the proper disposal procedure

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12. When removing an electrical plug from its socket, grasp the plug, not the electrical cord. Hands must be completely dry before touching an electrical switch, plug or outlet. Report damaged electrical equipment immediately. Look for things such as frayed cords, exposed wires, and loose connections. Do not use damaged electrical equipment.
13. Never taste, smell, or bring near your eyes any chemicals
14. Always keep aisles open. Push your chair in and put your bags on the tables. Be sure adequate room is available to exit the classroom in case of emergency. Never block the classroom doorway with apparatus, books, chairs, etc.
15. Always read through the entire lab instructions before starting the procedure. Always follow all written and verbal instructions carefully. If you do not understand a direction or part of a procedure, ask the teacher before proceeding.
16. Every effort must be made to be present on days that involve laboratory activity. Most of them cannot be made up. If you are on a sports team and miss a game, they do not hold a make up game for you. The same is true of laboratory experiments.
17. The appropriate clothing for labs is long pants (old jeans are best), closed toe shoes (old sneakers are best), and sleeves that do not hang loose. Hair should be tied up and not just pony tailed.

MAKE A NOTE OF WHERE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE

Fire Extinguisher	_____
Eye Wash	_____
Fire Blanket	_____
Broken Glass Box	_____
Gas Shut Off	_____
Fume Hood	_____

SAFETY MANTRA

Googles

Pants

Stools

Hair

Shoes

Shelves

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RETURN THIS DOCUMENT ASAP. WITHOUT THIS DOCUMENT, YOU WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN LABS

I have been given a copy of the Laboratory Safety Guidelines. I understand the rules and agree to abide by them. I also agree to observe all additional safety rules and procedures/precautions that appear in writing in the instructional materials to which I am assigned and given orally by the instructor. I also understand that the penalty of disobeying these rules/guidelines will result in suspension from lab activities and potential removal from class. I further agree to keep these rules/guidelines in my class notebook or folder and to review them before every lab.

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Date

I HAVE READ THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND AGREE TO ASSIST MY CHILD TO ABIDE BY THEM

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOUR CHILD...

Wears Contact Lenses

Yes _____

No _____

Has Allergies

Yes _____

No _____

Has breathing problems

Yes _____

No _____