**PURPOSE**

Science is a hands-on laboratory class. You will be doing many laboratory activities which require the use of hazardous chemicals, live animals, and other science-related lab equipment. Safety in the science classroom is the #1 priority for students, teachers, and parents. To ensure a safe science classroom, a list of rules has been developed and provided to you in this student safety contract. These rules must be followed at all times.

**GENERAL RULES**

1. No horseplay!! Conduct yourself in a manner at all times in the laboratory. **NEVER** fool around in the laboratory.
2. Follow all **written** and **verbal** instructions carefully. ASK if you do not understand something—never assume!
3. **Never work alone**. No student may work in the laboratory without an instructor present.
4. When first entering a science room, **do not touch** any equipment, chemicals, or other materials in the laboratory area until you are instructed to do so.
5. Do **NOT** eat food, drink beverages, or chew gum in the laboratory. Do not use laboratory glassware as containers for food or beverages.
6. Perform only those experiments authorized by the instructor. Never do anything in the laboratory that is not called for in the laboratory procedures or by your instructor.
7. Observe good housekeeping practices. Work areas should be kept clean and tidy at all times. Bring only your laboratory instructions, worksheets, and/or reports to the work area
8. **Keep aisles clear**. Push your chair under the desk when not in use.
9. Know the locations and operating procedures of all safety equipment including the **first aid kit**, **eyewash station**, **safety shower**, **fire extinguisher**, and **fire blanket**. Know where the fire alarm and the exits are located.
10. Be **alert** and proceed with **caution** at all times in the laboratory. Notify the instructor **immediately** of any unsafe conditions you observe.
11. You will be assigned a laboratory station at which to work. **Do NOT wander around the room, distract other students, or interfere with the laboratory experiments of others**.
12. Students are **NEVER** permitted in the science storage rooms or preparation areas unless given specific permission by their instructor.
13. Know what to do if there is a **fire drill** during a laboratory period; containers must be **closed**, gas valves turned **off**, fume hoods turned **off**, and any electrical equipment turned **off**.
14. Handle all living organisms used in a laboratory activity in a humane manner.

**CLOTHING**

1. Any time chemicals, heat, or glassware are used, **students will wear laboratory goggles**. There will be no exceptions to this rule! Should your goggles fog or need to be cleaned, you may walk to the corner of the room with the door and remove them to clean them. Goggles **MUST** be placed back over your eyes before walking back to your lab station. Goggles must be worn until ALL lab groups are finished and cleaned up.
2. **Dress properly** during a laboratory activity. Long hair, dangling jewelry, and loose or baggy clothing are a hazard in the laboratory**. Long hair must be tied back and dangling jewelry and loose or baggy clothing must be secured. Shoes must completely cover the foot. No sandals allowed.**

**ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES**

1. Report any accident (spill, breakage, etc.) or injury (cut, burn, etc.) to the instructor **immediately**, no matter how small. NEVER attempt to clean up glass or chemicals.
2. The safety shower and eye wash station are to be used ONLY in the case of an **emergency**. If you are not on fire or chemicals have not been spilled on you, then you should not be anywhere near the safety shower. Any unauthorized use of the safety shower or eye wash station will result in a disciplinary referral and possible suspension.

**HANDLING CHEMICALS**

1. 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.

**HANDLING GLASSWARE AND EQUIPMENT**

1. **NEVER** handle broken glass with your bare hands. Use a brush and dustpan to clean up broken glass. Place broken or waste glassware in the designated glass disposal container.

**AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (student’s name) have read and agree to follow all of the safety rules set forth in this contract. I realize that I must obey these rules to ensure my own safety, and that of my fellow students and instructors. I will cooperate to the fullest extent with my instructor and fellow students to maintain a safe lab environment. I will also closely follow the oral and written instructions provided by the instructor. I am aware that any violation of this safety contract that results in unsafe conduct in the laboratory or misbehavior on my part, may result in being removed from the laboratory, detention, receiving a failing grade, and/or dismissal from the course.

Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We feel that you should be informed regarding the school’s effort to create and maintain a safe science classroom/ laboratory environment. With the cooperation of the instructors, parents, and students, a safety instruction program can eliminate, prevent, and correct possible hazards.

You should be aware of the safety instructions your son/daughter will receive before engaging in any laboratory work. Please read the list of safety rules above. No student will be permitted to perform laboratory activities unless this contract is signed by both the student and parent/guardian and is on file with the teacher.

Your signature on this contract indicates that you have read this Student Safety Contract, are aware of the measures taken to ensure the safety of your son/daughter in the science laboratory, and will instruct your son/ daughter to uphold his/her agreement to follow these rules and procedures in the laboratory.

Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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