



Safety Rules for the Science Classroom

Student Name _____ Grade _____

The following list pertains to safety in the science classroom. My signature and the signature of a parent or guardian at the end of the document indicate that we have read and understand the statements below.

1. Horseplay in the science classroom is dangerous. I will practice good conduct in the room. For example: no running, fast movements, throwing, loud yelling, etc. I will keep my mind and eyes on what I am doing.
2. Written and verbal instructions concerning procedures and/or precautions are created for my protection. I will follow them.
3. Experiments performed in class are for instruction. They are planned to teach an idea or concept. I will perform only authorized experiments and only when a teacher is present.
4. I will only handle those chemicals or equipment for which I have received instruction or training. I will also be extremely careful with the handling and storage of sharp instruments.
5. Tasting, smelling, or mixing chemicals or substances can be very dangerous. I will not do so unless instructed to do so in a planned, approved experiment.
6. I will only use water faucets and gas jets as instructed.
7. I will use electrical outlets only when instructed to do so in the science classroom.
8. Fire is dangerous and care must be taken when working with it. I will not reach across a flame or bring a flammable substance near flames. I will keep long hair in such a manner behind my head to prevent it from possibly catching fire. I will never leave a burner that is in use unattended. I will place burned or burning material in proper containers.
9. Fire equipment (fire extinguisher and fire blanket) is provided in the science classroom in case of an emergency. I will be instructed on the location of this equipment and how to use it.
10. I will be instructed on the use of the shower and eye wash station.
11. Hot materials can cause serious burns. I will be extremely careful when working with these to prevent injury to others and myself. I will remember that hot glass looks exactly like cold glass.
12. I will leave equipment alone when not using it to perform a proper experiment or activity.
13. I will keep all lab equipment in the lab area.
14. Safety goggles are required by law to be worn in many laboratory situations to prevent injury. I will wear my goggles and take care of them. I will also wear other necessary apparel required for specific work, such as aprons and gloves.
15. I realize that if I break a piece of equipment, I may be held financially responsible.
16. I will not enter unauthorized cabinets, cupboards, or storage areas unless instructed to do so by a teacher.
17. If an incident should occur in the science classrooms that results in injury to me or others, I will immediately report it to the instructor.
18. I will clean up after myself and my partner and will try to see that the general area is neat and ready for use by the next group of students. A sloppy work area contributes to accidents.

I understand that these rules and suggestions have been created for my protection. I agree to follow them and do my part to help create a safe environment in the science classroom.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Student Name (print) _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Name (print) _____