

Haverford Middle School Science Safety Contract

PURPOSE

Science is a hands-on laboratory class. However, science activities do have potential hazards. You will be doing many laboratory activities which require the use of equipment and chemicals that may be dangerous if not handled properly. 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. Additional safety instructions may be given for each activity. No science student will be allowed to participate in the laboratory until this contract has been signed by both the student and a parent or guardian.

SAFETY RULES

1. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times in the science room. Horseplay, practical jokes, and pranks are dangerous and will not be tolerated.
2. Follow all written and verbal instructions carefully. Ask your teacher questions if you do not understand the instructions.
3. When first entering the science room, do not touch any equipment, supplies, or other material without permission from the teacher.
4. Perform only authorized and approved experiments. Do not conduct any experiments when the teacher is out of the room. Never do anything in the laboratory that is not called for in the lab procedures or by your teacher.
5. Never eat, drink, chew gum, or taste anything in the science room.
6. Keep hands away from face, eyes, and mouth while using science materials or when working with chemicals. Wash your hands with soap and water after performing all experiments.
7. Wear safety glasses or goggles when instructed. Never remove safety glasses or goggles during an experiment. There will be no exceptions to this rule!
8. Keep your work area and the science room neat and clean.
9. Keep aisles clear. Push your chair under the desk when not in use.
10. Clean all work areas and equipment at the end of the experiment. Return all equipment clean and in working order to the proper storage area.
11. Follow your teacher's instructions to dispose of any waste materials generated in an experiment.
12. Consider all chemicals used in the science room to be dangerous. **Do not touch or smell any chemicals unless specifically instructed to do so.**
13. Handle all glassware with care. Examine glassware before each use. Never use chipped, cracked, or dirty glassware. Never pick up hot or broken glassware with your bare hands.

14. Learn where the safety equipment is located and how to use it. Know where the exits are located and what to do in case of an emergency or fire drill.

15. Accidents happen. Report any accident, injury, or hazardous condition to the teacher immediately.

AGREEMENT

I, _____, 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 teacher and fellow students to maintain a safe lab environment. I will also closely follow the oral and written instructions provided by the teacher. 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, or receiving a failing grade.

Student Signature

Date

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We feel that you should be informed of the school's effort to create and maintain a safe science classroom/laboratory environment.

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. No student will be permitted to perform science activities unless this contract is signed by both the student and parent/guardian and is on file in the classroom. Your signature on this contract indicates that you have read this Science Safety Contract, reviewed it with your child, and are aware of the measures taken to ensure the safety of your son/daughter in the science classroom.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date