

# Science Safety Contract

Science is a hands-on laboratory class. Safety in the science classroom and/or laboratory is the highest priority for students and teachers. 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. The student and a parent/guardian must sign their copy. Please read the entire contract before signing. Students will not be allowed to participate in the laboratory portions of the class until their contract is signed and returned.

1. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times in the laboratory. Horseplay, practical jokes, and pranks are dangerous and prohibited.
2. Be prepared for your work in the laboratory. Read all procedures thoroughly before entering the laboratory. Follow all written and verbal instructions carefully. If you do not understand a direction or part of a procedure, ask your teacher before proceeding with the activity.
3. When first entering the science room, do not touch any equipment, chemicals, or other materials in the laboratory area until you are instructed to do so. Never work alone in the laboratory.
4. Know the locations and operating procedures of all safety equipment including: fire blankets, eye/face wash, and fire extinguisher. Know where the exits are located.
5. Perform only those experiments authorized by your teacher.
6. Do not eat food, drink beverages, or chew gum in the laboratory. Do not use laboratory glassware as containers for food or beverages.
7. Observe good housekeeping practices. Work areas should be kept clean and tidy at all times. Be alert, and proceed with caution at all times in the laboratory. Notify the teacher immediately of any unsafe conditions you observe.
8. Dispose of all chemical waste properly. Check with your teacher for disposal of chemicals and solutions.
9. Keep hands away from face, eyes, mouth, and body while using chemicals or lab equipment. Wash your hands with soap and water after performing all experiments.

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10. Any time chemicals, heat, or glassware are used, students will wear safety goggles. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE! Contact lenses should not be worn when using chemicals.
11. 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 baggy clothing must be secured. Shoes must completely cover the foot. No sandals allowed on lab days.
12. Aprons and/or gloves will be worn as indicated by experiment instructions.
13. Report any accident (spill, breakage, etc.) or injury (cut, burn, etc.) to the teacher immediately, no matter how trivial it seems.
14. If you or your lab partner is hurt, immediately (and loudly) yell out the teacher's name to get the teacher's attention. Do not panic.
15. If a chemical should splash in your eye(s) or on your skin, immediately flush with running water for at least 15 minutes.
16. If you do not understand how to use a piece of equipment, ask the teacher for help!

Glue here to attach to your journal

QUESTIONS (Answers are confidential.):

1. Do you wear contact lenses? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
2. Are you color blind? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
3. Do you have allergies? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If so, please list specific allergies:

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## STUDENT 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 teachers. I will cooperate to the fullest extent with my instructor and fellow students to maintain a safe science 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 from unsafe conduct in the laboratory or misbehavior on my part may result in being removed from the lab classroom, receiving detention, receiving a failing grade, and/or further disciplinary action.

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

Print Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## PARENT AGREEMENT

Dear Parent or Guardian:

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 insure the safety of your child in the science laboratory, and will instruct your child to uphold his or her agreement to follow these rules and procedures in the laboratory.

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

Print Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_