

Lab Safety Contract

Accidents happen everyday in many activities. Statistically, most accidents occur in the home or while driving a car. Few accidents have happened in the science classroom. However, in order to decrease the risk of any accidents occurring, all students are required to follow the safety procedures below.

Please read this contract thoroughly, fill in your name, and then sign it. Ask a parent to sign it as well, and return it to school as soon as possible. **You will not participate in any lab activities until your safety contract is signed and returned.**

I, _____, promise to always follow the laboratory safety guidelines and rules set forth below. I know that if I fail to do so I will be removed from the laboratory classroom, and given an alternative assignment. If I can not be trusted to follow directions and consider the risks of my actions to myself and the others in my class, I will not have the privilege of a hands-on lab activity.

1. All accidents will be reported to the teacher immediately, no matter how minor they are.
2. Only the specific activity/experiment for which you have been given instructions and permission will be performed.
3. Only equipment and supplies authorized by the teacher will be used.
4. All written and verbal instructions from the teacher, given both before and during the activity, must be followed carefully.
5. All appropriate safety equipment (aprons, goggles, gloves, etc.) will be provided by the teacher and correct use will be demonstrated. When instructed to do so, this equipment must be used appropriately during an activity.
6. No food, drink, gum, or candy (including cough drops) will be permitted in the science classroom during class without express permission.
7. Never taste, smell, or touch chemicals and substances unless specifically instructed to do so by the teacher.
8. You must be aware of the location and usage of the safety equipment in the room, including the safety shower, eyewash, fire blanket, fire extinguisher, windows, and door. Also, you must know the proper evacuation route from the classroom in the event of an emergency.
9. Do not discard of any waste (solids or liquids) in the trash cans, sinks, or any other location unless you have been given specific instructions to do this.
10. Only science notebooks, science journals, textbooks, and a writing instrument may be present at the lab bench during an experiment, unless otherwise authorized by the teacher. Backpacks and personal items must stay in your locker.
11. Upon entering the science classroom, you are not permitted to touch any lab equipment until instructed to do so.
12. Horseplay, running, pushing, shoving, practical jokes, and yelling will not be allowed during an activity.

Violations of this rule will be dealt with severely.

Student Signature

Parent Signature