

Science Lab Safety Contract

Science is a hands-on laboratory class. SAFETY is always the first priority for everyone who is in the lab/classroom. To ensure that everyone has a safe science classroom, a list of rules has been developed and provided to you in this safety contract.

I, _____, agree to abide by the following procedures when I am working in the science lab.

- I will follow the safety guidelines and lab instructions given by my teacher.
- I will follow all written and verbal instructions carefully. If I do not understand part of a lab procedure, I will ask my teacher before proceeding.
- I will perform only those experiments authorized by my teacher. Unauthorized experiments are prohibited.
- I will keep my work area neat and free of unnecessary papers, books, and materials.
- I will keep my clothing and hair neat and out of the way, and I will wear a safety apron and / or gloves if necessary.
- I will follow the school guidelines and not participate in lab unless I am wearing closed-toe shoes.
- I know the location of all safety equipment in the room (extinguisher, blanket, and eyewash).
- I will wear safety goggles, as instructed by my teacher, when handling chemicals, working with fire, or performing any other activity that might cause harm to my eyes.
- I will not use chemicals, heat, electricity, or sharp objects until my teacher instructs me to do so, and then I will follow my teacher's directions carefully.
- I will never leave a flame unattended during a lab activity involving fire.
- I will be especially careful when using glassware. When heating glassware, I will make sure that I use proper equipment (tongs, etc.) and I will not use chipped or cracked glassware.
- I will wash my hands immediately after handling hazardous materials.
- I will clean up all work areas before I leave the lab, putting away all lab equipment and materials.
- I will treat all equipment and materials with respect; they are tools and supplies, not toys.
- I will notify Mrs. Hugel immediately if any type of accident occurs in the lab.
- I will be careful not to "horse around" (pushing, shoving, running, etc.) in the lab so that I don't break equipment and / or hurt others and myself.

I have read and understand the above. I agree and am ready to practice safety in the science classroom from this day forward. I understand that violations of this contract may cause suspension from lab activities.

Student Signature:

Parent Signature:

Date:

*****Students should keep this contract in their binders.*****