

Purpose

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 Science Safety Code of Conduct. These rules must be followed at all times. **This copy must be signed by both you and a parent or guardian.** A copy of this document will be made for you to keep in your notebook as a constant reminder of the safety rules.

Read each rule and then initial on the line provided to show that you have read and understood the rule.

GENERAL RULES

- ____ 1. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times in the laboratory.
- ____ 2. Follow all written and verbal instructions carefully. If you do not understand a direction or part of a procedure, ask the teacher before proceeding.
- ____ 3. Never work alone. No student may work in the laboratory without an teacher present.
- ____ 4. Do not touch any equipment, chemicals, or other materials in the laboratory area until you are instructed to do so.
- ____ 5. Do not eat food, drink beverages, or chew gum in the laboratory.
- ____ 6. Carefully follow all instructions, both written and oral.
Unauthorized experiments are prohibited.
- ____ 7. Read all procedures thoroughly.
- ____ 8. Behave responsibly around in the laboratory. Horseplay, practical jokes, and pranks are dangerous and prohibited.
- ____ 9. Work areas should be kept clean and tidy at all times.
- ____ 10. Know the locations and operating procedures of all safety equipment including eyewash station, fire extinguisher, and fire blanket. Know where the fire alarm and the exits are located.
- ____ 11. Tell the teacher immediately of any unsafe conditions you observe.
- ____ 12. Dispose of all materials properly.
- ____ 13. Keep hands away from face, eyes, mouth and body while using laboratory materials.
Wash your hands ,work surfaces and apparatus at the end of the experiment. Return all equipment clean and in working order to the proper storage area.
- ____ 14. You will be assigned an area at which you will work. Do not wander around the room, distract other students, or interfere with the laboratory experiments of others.
- ____ 15. Students are never permitted in the science storage rooms or preparation areas unless given specific permission by their teacher.
- ____ 16. Handle all living organisms used in a laboratory activity in a humane manner.
- ____ 17. If you have a medical condition such as allergies tell your teacher.
- ____ 18. **Any time chemicals, heat, or glassware are used, students will wear laboratory goggles. There will be no exceptions to this rule!**
- ____ 19. 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.**

____ 20. Report any accident (spill, breakage, etc.) or injury (cut, burn, etc.) to the teacher immediately, no matter how trivial it may appear.

____ 21. If a chemical splashes in your eye(s) or on your skin, immediately flush with running water.

____ 22. Do not touch, taste, or smell any chemicals unless specifically instructed to do so.

____ 23. Never handle broken glass with your bare hands. Use a brush and dustpan to clean up broken glass.

____ 24. If you do not understand how to use a piece of equipment, ask the instructor for help.

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 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 these science safety rules that result in unsafe conduct in the laboratory or misbehavior on my part, may result in being removed from the laboratory, detention and/or receiving a failing grade.

Student Signature

Date _____

Dear Parent or Guardian:

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

With the cooperation of the teachers, parents, and students, a safety instruction program can eliminate, prevent, and correct possible hazards.

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 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 Science Safety Code of Conduct, are aware of the measures taken to ensure the safety of your son/daughter in the science laboratory, and will instruct your son /daughter to uphold his/her agreement to follow these rules and procedures in the laboratory.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date _____