

Lab Safety Contract

This needs to be signed by yourself and your parent(s) and returned before you can complete any practical involving chemicals or flames.

Student Name _____ Class _____

You must have this contract completed before you can engage in any lab activity.

1. I will conduct myself in an appropriate manner in the lab. I will not engage in horseplay, shoving, hitting, squirting others with wash bottles, running, throwing any object, or playing practical jokes.
2. I will follow all written and verbal instructions. If I do not understand any instructions, I will ask the instructor. I will not engage in any unauthorized experiments.
3. I will not eat food, chew gum, or drink beverages in the lab. I will not ingest any chemical from the lab.
4. When I first enter the science room or lab, I will not touch any chemicals, equipment, or materials until instructed to do so.
5. I will know the locations and operation of safety features in the science room and lab. This includes the emergency exits, fire extinguisher, fire blanket, eye wash, first aid kit, and goggles.
6. I will not work in the laboratory alone, leave my lab station unattended, or disturb other lab groups unnecessarily.
7. I will consult with my physician about any medical condition (i.e. - contacts, allergies, pregnancy, or asthma) that can pose a hazard and will notify the instructor of any restriction.
8. I will put on lab goggles upon starting the lab and wear them the entire time I am working on the lab (including clean-up) or until the instructor indicates.
9. I will wear appropriate clothing to the lab. Loose and baggy clothes, dangling jewelry are not allowed when conducting labs. I will wear an apron or lab coat if it is necessary. I will tie back my hair if it is long.
10. I will wash my hands with soap and water after working in the lab. I will not touch my face, rub my eyes, or insert/remove contacts until my hands are washed.
11. I will report any breakage, accident, or injury to the instructor immediately.
12. I will not remove any chemical or material from the laboratory.
13. I will clean up my lab station to its original condition and dispose of any waste according to the instructor. The sink will be free from all debris.

I _____ (student) have read and agree to follow all of these safety rules in this contract. If I fail to adhere to any of them, I may be asked to leave the lab without opportunity for making up the experiment and may receive an appropriate consequence according to the school rules. I will cooperate to the fullest extent with my instructor and fellow students to create and maintain a safe lab environment. I am aware that any violation can lead to unsafe lab conditions and can harm others and myself.

(Student Signature)

(date)

I, _____ (parent/guardian) have read this document with my student and understand the importance of a safe lab environment and accept the consequences of failing to comply with this contract.

(Parent Signature)

(date)