

SCIENCE SAFETY CONTRACT

Science is an active, hands-on class. We will be doing many activities that require the use of sensitive equipment and potentially hazardous chemicals. **Safety is the # 1 priority in our classroom.** To ensure a safe learning environment, all students will be instructed in science classroom safety, a safety quiz will be given, and the student / parent / guardian safety contract will be signed and filed at school. A copy of this contract will also be kept in your science notebook as a reminder of safe classroom practices.

When necessary, safety considerations will be included on student handouts; they also will be given orally at the start of each activity and posted on the classroom safety poster.



- I will act responsibly at all times in the classroom. I understand that horseplay, jokes, and pranks are not appropriate in a science classroom.
- I will follow all instructions, written and verbal, about the laboratory procedures given by the teacher.
- I will not touch any equipment or supplies until instructed to do so by the teacher.
- I will perform only those activities that have been authorized by the teacher. I will never do anything that is not called for by the procedure. **I understand that unauthorized experiments are forbidden.**
- I will keep my table and the area around it clean and neat.
- I will wear my safety goggles whenever we are working with chemicals or heat. **I understand that there are no exceptions to this rule.**
- I will immediately notify the teacher of any emergency.
- I will tie back long hair, baggy clothes, and dangling jewelry while doing a laboratory activity.
- I know whom to contact for help in case of an emergency.
- I will not take anything out of the classroom without permission from the teacher.
- I will never eat, drink, or chew gum in the classroom unless instructed to do so by the teacher. I will not use classroom equipment as containers for food or drink.
- I will only handle living organisms when authorized to do so by the teacher.

Signatures

I,

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understand and agree to follow all of the safety rules in this contract. I understand that I must obey these rules to make sure that fellow students, my teacher, and I work and learn in a safe environment. I will cooperate completely 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 instructor. I am aware that any violation of this safety contract that results in unsafe conduct in the laboratory or misbehavior on my part, will result in being removed from the classroom, or other appropriate measures to maintain safety.

Date: _____

Dear Parent or Guardian:

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

You should be aware of the safety instructions your child will receive before participating 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 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/her agreement to follow these rules and procedures in the laboratory.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____