

Physical Science Safety Contract

Purpose:

Physical Science is a hands-on laboratory class and students will perform some experiments which require the use of hazardous chemicals. Safety in the science lab is a top priority! To ensure a safe science lab, a list of rules has been developed and provided to students and parents in this Safety Contract. These rules must be followed at all times.

General Guidelines:

Always conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times in the laboratory

Always wear goggles when specified

Always pull back long hair, remove dangling jewelry, and wear shoes that cover the entire foot (NO sandals!)

Always consider the chemicals or substances you are working with to be dangerous

Always report any accidents or injuries as soon as they happen, no matter how trivial they may seem

Always report damaged items immediately

Always deposit waste materials as instructed

Always clean up after yourself: wash the glassware you use and clean your workstation

Always wash your hands after completing the experiment for the day

Never perform unauthorized experiments

Never engage in pranks or horseplay

Never bring food or drinks into the lab

Never eat or drink anything in the lab

Never touch your face, eyes, or mouth when in the lab until after you have washed your hands

Never enter the storage rooms unless instructed to do so

Never sit on the lab tables

Never handle broken glass with your hand – if something breaks, get the teacher

Never use dirty, chipped, or cracked glassware

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 insure my own safety, and that of my fellow students and teacher. 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 this Safety Contract that results in unsafe conduct in the laboratory or misbehavior on my part, may result in being removed from the laboratory, detention, receiving a failing grade, and/or dismissal from the course.

_____ (signed)

_____ (dated)

Dear Parent or Guardian: You should be aware of the safety instructions your son/daughter has received about working in the science laboratory. No student will be permitted to perform laboratory activities unless this contract is signed. Your signature indicates that you have read this contract and will instruct students to follow these rules and procedures in the laboratory.

_____ (signed)

_____ (dated)