

Safety Contract for _____
Teacher _____ Period ____

You will be responsible for understanding and following this safety contract in this class. You will share this contract with your parents/guardians and return it with both signatures at the end by _____. This contract must remain on file while you are in this science class. Failure to follow the safety contract may result in removal from one or more labs, with additional consequences as determined by the teacher, your parents/guardians, and the administration.

General safety rules:

1. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times in the class. There will be no horseplay. It does not matter if you did not start it. It does not matter if you were just "kidding."
2. Read all directions for an experiment before you begin work. Think and follow them as written. If you have questions, ask the teacher for assistance.
3. Never perform experiments or activities that are not authorized by the teacher. If you develop your own experiment, get permission before performing it.
4. Do not handle equipment or supplies until you have permission.
5. Be careful with materials to prevent spills. If they do happen, notify the teacher immediately and follow her or his instructions for proper clean up.
6. Keep your table area and the area on the floor around it clean at all times.
7. Never eat in the lab unless it is a part of the official experiment. Wash your hands before and after each experiment.
8. Do not wander around the room, distract other students or interfere with other experiments. Stay out of the stock room or preparation room unless instructed by the teacher.
9. Use safety goggles when using fire and any equipment or substances that might get into your eyes. Regular glasses do not substitute for safety goggles.
10. Tie back long hair and remove or secure any loose or baggy clothing or jewelry that might hang down into chemicals or flame.
11. Report all accidents, no matter how minor, to your teacher immediately. This includes cuts, spills, and fires, no matter what caused the accident.
12. Know where the following safety equipment is and how to use it:
 - a. Safety shower
 - b. Eye wash
 - c. Fire blanket
13. If you spill chemicals on your skin, cut yourself, get something in your eye etc., notify the instructor immediately.

Heating and fire safety:

14. Never use a candle, hot plate, or other heat source without wearing safety goggles.
15. Do not heat any chemicals or materials unless instructed to heat them. Do not put anything into a flame unless instructed.

Chemical safety:

16. Never mix chemicals "for the fun of it" or to "see what happens."
17. Dispose of all chemicals as instructed by the teacher, even if you did not use them. Never return them to the original container to prevent contamination. Sinks are used only for disposal of water and solutions approved by the teacher. Check to make sure you are using the proper waste container for any other materials.
18. Thoroughly clean glassware before returning it. Clean your work area, disposing of unused chemicals and used products as instructed by the lab instructions or the teacher.

19. Agreement:

I, _____, have read and agree to follow all the safety rules in this contract. I realize that this will increase the safety of my classmates, the teacher, and me. I will fully cooperate with my lab partners and the teacher to maintain a safe lab environment. I will also closely follow any written or oral instructions given to me by the teacher. I understand that any violation of this safety contract that results in unsafe behavior may result in being removed from the lab activity and loss of points on my academic grade, lowering of my citizenship grade, referral to the administration, and/or loss of lab privileges.

Student signature _____

Date _____

Do you wear contact lenses? Yes No Sometimes

List any allergies or health problems that you have:

Dear Parents and Guardians, the science department has prepared a challenging and educational lab experience for your child. Please discuss this safety contract with your child. No student will be permitted to perform lab activities unless this contract is signed by the student and a parent/guardian and is on file with the teacher.

Parent/guardian signature _____

Date _____