



Biology Laboratory Safety Contract



To ensure a safe Biology classroom, a list of rules has been developed and provided to you in this student safety contract. **These rules must be followed at all times.** Failure to do so will result in the removal of your student from the laboratory and/or reduction of grade.

Lab Safety Rules:

1. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner. Throwing items, horseplay, and pranks are prohibited.
2. Follow laboratory instructions given by instructor carefully and accurately. Do not proceed if you do not understand the procedure. Unauthorized activities or investigations are prohibited. Unsupervised work is not permitted.
3. Do not touch any equipment, chemicals, or other materials in the laboratory area until you are instructed to do so.
4. No eating, drinking, or chewing gum in the laboratory.
5. Never directly inhale chemicals being used.
6. Be alert and proceed with caution at all times in the laboratory. Notify the teacher immediately of any unsafe conditions you observe.
7. Keep hands away from face, eyes, mouth, and body while using chemicals or lab equipment. Wash your hands with soap and water after performing all experiments.
8. Safety Glasses/goggles are to be worn during the activity, clean up, and through hand washing.
9. All accidents, chemical spills, and injuries must be reported immediately to the instructor.
10. 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, and dangling jewelry and baggy clothing must be secured. Shoes must completely cover the foot. No sandals allowed on lab days.
11. Know the location of all safety equipment (eyewash, shower, first-aid kit, fire blanket) in the room and emergency exits.
12. Never handle broken glass with your bare hands. A brush and dustpan will be used to clean up any broken glass, to be deposited into proper containers.
13. Keep backpacks and belongings in designated areas and not in the laboratory area.
14. Never sit on laboratory tables.
15. Solid chemicals, metals, matches, filter papers, broken glass, and other materials designated by the instructor are to be deposited in the proper waste containers, not in the sink. Follow directions for disposal of waste. THE SINKS ARE NOT TRASH CANS!
16. Work areas should be kept clean and tidy at all times. All work surfaces should be cleaned at the end of each use, lab or activity.

I have read and understand the expectations and safety rules for labs in this class.

Student Signature: _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date _____