



In order to ensure that science experiments are safe and positive learning experiences, students and their parents shall read, discuss, and sign the science safety rules and procedures agreement. No student will be permitted to participate in laboratory work until the agreement is signed by a parent and student and returned to the teacher.

1. Act in a responsible manner at all times. Misconduct that endangers any student will not be tolerated.
2. Never work without your science teacher in the room. Do not handle any materials until instructed by your science teacher to do so.
3. Perform the experiments as directed. Do not do anything that is not part of an approved experimental procedure. Follow all instructions given by the teacher. Read the written procedures. If you don't understand a procedure or piece of equipment, ask the teacher.
4. Eating, or drinking in the lab or experimental work area are forbidden.
5. Wear appropriate protective equipment. A lab coat or apron and ANSI approved eye protection shall be worn when necessary. Keep hands away from face, eyes, and mouth while using chemicals or preserved specimens.
6. Learn the locations and operation of emergency equipment including eyewash fountains, safety showers, fire extinguishers, fire blankets, etc. During lab immediately report all accidents, injuries, close calls, or unsafe conditions to your teacher.
7. Closed shoes must be worn at all times; never go barefoot in the lab. Special care shall be taken with floppy clothing. Tie back long hair to keep it away from flames and chemicals.
8. Never taste a chemical. Never pipette by mouth – always use a pipette bulb.
9. Check odors only if instructed to do so by gently wafting some of the vapor toward your nose with your hand.
10. Carry sharp objects with tip or sharp edge pointing downwards. Do not try to catch falling sharp objects.
11. Use caution when heating materials in the lab. Keep hands and face away from the mouth of a test tube or beaker being heated. Turn off burner or hot plate when you are finished – never leave an active heat source unattended.
12. Do **not** enter science prep rooms or storage areas.
13. **Never** take chemicals, supplies, or equipment out of the laboratory without the knowledge and consent of the science teacher.



- 14. Clean your lab area; put away all equipment and reagents; wash your hands at the end of each work session. Before using any equipment report any damaged glassware or equipment to your teacher so it may be replaced.
- 15. All personal items, backpack, bags, etc... are to remain in a locked classroom. Personal items are not permitted in the lab. If your room is a combination classroom/laboratory all personal items must be placed away from lab tables and in a location that will not endanger anyone. Your teacher will instruct you of this location.
- 15. Remember your science teacher has the final word on your participation in science laboratory activities due to the safety of all.

Your Science Teacher may add additional safety instructions to the back of this form.

I, _____, have read, understand, and agree to follow these science safety rules and procedures. I agree to abide by any additional instructions, written or verbal, provided by my science teacher. Failure to follow these safety rules could result in loss of points from the assignment to removal from the class with loss of credit.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

List any allergies or medical problems of which your teacher should be aware, including contact lenses.

Teachers may use their own student safety contract but it must have the above information placed in it and be approved by the Chemical Hygiene Officer (CHO).