

Edward Harris Science Department Science Safety Agreement

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 agreement will be signed and filed at school. A copy of this agreement 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.

1. 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 not engage in behavior that is disruptive or dangerous or that interferes with another student's right to learn.
2. I will follow all written & oral instructions and will wait until I receive my teacher's permission to begin an activity.
3. I will not touch any equipment or supplies until instructed to do so by the teacher.
4. I will protect my eyes, face and hands while engaging in lab activities by wearing safety goggles and, when needed, latex gloves or other protective gear.
5. I will work only at my assigned station.
6. I will keep my table and the area around it clean and neat.
7. I will perform only those activities that have been authorized by the teacher.
8. I will not eat, drink or taste anything in the laboratory. This includes food and drink as well as chemicals. I will not use classroom equipment as containers for food or drink.
9. I will tie back long hair, baggy clothes, and dangling jewelry while doing a laboratory activity.
10. I will wear shoes that cover my entire foot during labs.
11. I will not take anything out of the classroom without permission from the teacher.
12. I will wash my hands thoroughly after using chemicals and lab equipment. When using chemicals, I will not touch my mouth, lips or eyes until after I have washed my hands.
13. I will report any injury or accident to my teacher immediately.

I _____ (please print) **understand that failure to comply with these safety guidelines may result in my being removed from class and that I will lose credit for the work that is done during my absence.**

Student Signature

Date

Dear Parent or Guardian:

I feel that it is important to create and maintain a safe science classroom/laboratory environment. Therefore, it is crucial for all students to be aware and agree to follow the safety instructions 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 indicates that you have read this Student Safety Agreement, 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.

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