



## SCIENCE SAFETY CONTRACT



Science is an active, hands-on class. One of the first things a scientist learns is that performing laboratory activities can be an exciting experience. However, labs can also be dangerous if safety rules are not followed at all times. 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 class safety, safety rules will be kept in the science notebook, a safety quiz will be given, and the student and parent/guardian safety contract will be signed and kept on file at school. When necessary, safety considerations will be included on student handouts; they will also be given orally at the start of each activity.



### I. Safety Rules

- ◆ I will act responsibly at all times. Horseplay and jokes are not appropriate in lab.
- ◆ I will pay attention, participate appropriately in class, and follow all instructions given by the teacher about lab procedures.
- ◆ I will not touch any lab materials until instructed to do so by the teacher.
- ◆ I will not take anything out of the classroom without the teacher's permission.
- ◆ I will follow the procedures carefully and perform only those activities. I will never experiment on my own unless it is approved by the teacher.
- ◆ I will keep my table and the area around it clean, with backpacks out of the way.
- ◆ At the end of a lab, I will properly clean my table and materials, return equipment as instructed, and make sure the lab is ready for the next class.
- ◆ I will wear goggles whenever it is required.
- ◆ I will tie back long hair, push up baggy sleeves, and remove dangling jewelry.
- ◆ I will never eat or chew gum unless instructed to do so by the teacher.
- ◆ I will only handle living organisms when authorized to do so by the teacher.
- ◆ I will respect and cooperate with the members of my lab group. I will stay with my lab group during lab activities.
- ◆ If I have a question, I will ask my lab group, then a neighbor group or the teacher.
- ◆ I will work carefully, but if I spill or break something I will notify the teacher.
- ◆ I know what to do or whom to tell in case of injury, fire, or chemicals in the eye.
- ◆ If I am concerned about our class's safety I will let the teacher know immediately.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Period \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Agreement of Student and Parent/Guardian

### A) Student

I understand and agree to follow all of the safety rules of this contract. I understand that I must obey these rules to make sure that fellow students, my teacher, and I work and learn in a safe environment. I will cooperate and follow the oral and written instructions provided by the teacher before and during activities. I know that if I break any safety rule or misbehave in the lab, I will lose my lab privilege. If I lose my privilege to participate in a lab activity, I will study the material by completing an alternate reading and writing assignment using a textbook in another classroom.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### B) Parent/Guardian

The Science Department is committed to creating and maintaining a safe science classroom/lab environment. Please read the list of safety rules. No student will be permitted to perform lab activities unless this contract is signed by both the student and parent/guardian and is on file with the teacher. Your signature on this contract indicates that you have read this Science Safety Contract, are aware of the measures taken to ensure the safety of your child in the science lab, and will instruct your child to uphold his/her agreement to follow these rules.

Any violation of this safety contract that results in unsafe conduct in the lab or misbehavior on the student's part will result in the student being removed from the classroom, loss of lab privilege or other appropriate measures to maintain safety. Students who have lost the privilege to participate in a lab activity will study the material by completing an alternate reading and writing assignment using a textbook in another classroom.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_