Science Safety Contract

The Foundations in Science and Mathematics courses in biology, chemistry, and physics are hands-on laboratory classes.

Science activities may have potential hazards. To ensure a safe classroom, a list of rules has been developed and is called the Science Safety Contract. These rules must be followed at all times. Additional safety instructions will be given for each activity.

No student will be allowed to participate in science activities until this contract has been signed by both the student and a parent or guardian.

1. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times.
2. Follow all written and verbal instructions carefully. Ask your teacher questions if you do not understand the instructions.
3. Do not touch any equipment, supplies, or other materials in the without permission from the teacher.
4. Never eat, drink, chew gum, or taste anything in the science room.
5. Keep hands away from face, eyes, and mouth while using science materials or when working with either chemicals or animals. Wash your hands with soap and water before leaving the science room.
6. Keep your work area neat and clean.
7. Clean all work areas and equipment at the end of the experiment. Return all equipment clean and in working order to the proper storage area.
8. Follow your teacher’s instructions to dispose of any waste materials generated in an experiment.
9. Report any accident (fire, spill, breakage, etc.), injury (cut, burn, etc.), or hazardous condition (broken equipment, etc.) to the teacher immediately.
10. Consider all chemicals used in the science room to be dangerous. Do not touch or smell any chemicals unless specifically instructed to do so.
11. Always carry a microscope with both hands. Hold the arm with one hand; place the other hand under the base.
12. Dress properly—wear closed-toe shoes (no sandals), long hair must be tied back, no dangling jewelry, and no loose or baggy clothing.
13. Learn where the safety equipment (fire extinguisher, chemical shower, etc.) is located and how to use it. Know where the exits are located and what to do in case of an emergency or fire drill.

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Student Signature                  Parent/Guardian Signature

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Student Name (Print)