**SAFETY IN THE SCIENCE LABORATORY**

Science courses include hands-on laboratory experiences. Safety in the lab is our top priority. Below, you will see a list of the most important lab safety rules. These rules MUST be followed at all times. After studying the following rules, you and your parent or guardian will be asked to sign a safety contract before you can participate in the laboratory.

1. **Conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times in the lab.** No horseplay, practical jokes, or pranks allowed.

2. **Follow all written and verbal instructions carefully.** Ask your teacher if you do not understand any part of the procedure.

3. Never work in the lab without your teacher present.

4. **Do not eat, drink, or chew gum in the lab.**

5. Never do anything that is not called for in the laboratory procedures or by your teacher. **Carefully follow all instructions.**

6. Be prepared for your work in the laboratory. Read all procedures thoroughly before entering the lab.

7. **Work areas should be kept neat at all times.**

8**. Keep aisles clear.** Push your stool under the table when not in use.

9. Know the location of all safety equipment. Know where the exits are.

10. Dispose of all chemical waste properly, according to your teacher’s direction.

11. **Wash your hands with soap and water after performing each experiment.**

**12. Anytime heat, chemicals, or glassware are used, students must wear laboratory goggles.**

13. **Report any accident or spill to your teacher immediately.**

14. Check the label on chemical bottles twice before removing any of the contents.

15. **Never handle broken glass with your bare hands.**

16. Never use chipped or cracked glassware.

17. Do not immerse hot glassware in cold water. It may shatter.

18. **Bleach, sanitizing wipes, and hand sanitizer will be used to clean up after various labs**. Students are expected to use such chemicals appropriately.

19. Outlets at lab tables are for plugging in microscopes only. Inappropriate use will result in disciplinary action.

20. Each person is responsible for cleaning up their lab station. **Points will be deducted from labs if stations and/or equipment is not cleaned.**

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**SCIENCE LAB SAFETY CONTRACT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have read and agree to follow all of the safety rules set forth by my teacher. I realize that we may be using hazardous materials (such as bleach and other chemicals), and I must obey these rules to ensure my own safety, and that of my classmates and teacher. I will cooperate to the fullest extent with my teacher to maintain a safe lab environment. I will also closely follow the oral and written instructions provided by my teacher. I am aware that any violation of this safety contract that results in unsafe conduct in the laboratory or misbehavior on my part, may result in being removed for the laboratory, detention, receiving a failing grade, and/or dismissal from this class. I will share this information with my parent/guardian today.

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