

Bladt's Lab Safety Contract

Purpose

Science is a hands-on laboratory class. You will be doing many laboratory activities, which may require the use of hazardous materials. Safety in the classroom is the #1 priority for teachers, students and parents. To ensure a safe science classroom, a list of guidelines has been developed and provided to you in this safety contract. These guidelines must be followed at all times. You must agree to abide by all of these rules before you may participate in a lab. Furthermore, you must understand that if you choose to break the guidelines, you will have your lab privileges suspended.

General Guidelines

1. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times in the science room. Horseplay, practical jokes, and pranks will not be tolerated.
2. Follow ALL written and verbal instructions carefully. Ask your teacher questions if you do not understand the instructions BEFORE you proceed.
3. When entering the room do not touch any equipment, supplies, or other materials in the science room without permission from the teacher.
4. Perform only authorized and approved experiments. Do not conduct any experiments when the teacher is out of the room.
5. Eating, drinking, chewing gum is not permitted in the science laboratory.
6. Observe good housekeeping practices. Keep your work area and the science room clean and organized at all times. Bring only your laboratory instructions, worksheets, and writing instruments to the lab station.
7. Clean all work areas and equipment at the end of the experiment. Setup the station how it was when you entered the room and return any materials given to you.
8. Report any accident (fire, spill, breakage, etc.), injury (cut, burn, etc.), or hazardous condition (broken equipment, etc.) to the teacher immediately.
9. Consider all chemicals used in the science room to be dangerous. Do not touch, smell or taste any chemicals unless specifically instructed to do so.
10. Never open storage cabinets or enter the prep/storage room without permission from the teacher.
11. Do not remove chemicals, equipment or supplies from the science room without permission from the teacher.
12. Handle all glassware with care. Never pick up hot or broken glassware with your bare hands.
13. Use extreme caution when using matches, a burner, or hot plate. Only light burners when instructed and do not put anything into a flame unless specifically instructed to do so. Do not leave a lit burner unattended.
14. Dress properly—long hair must be tied back, no dangling jewelry, and no loose or baggy clothing. Wear aprons when instructed.
15. Learn where the safety equipment 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.

AGREEMENT

I, _____, (student's name) have read and understand each of the above safety rules set forth in this contract. I agree to follow them to ensure not only my own safety but also the safety of others in the science classroom or laboratory. I also agree to follow the general rules of appropriate behavior for a classroom at all times to avoid accidents and to provide a safe learning environment for everyone. I understand that if I do not follow all the rules and safety precautions, I will not be allowed to participate in science activities.

*Student Signature _____

*Parent Signature _____

*Student/Parent signature and return of safety contract is required to participate in ANY lab activities.