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Science Safety Contract

School Name _____

Teacher _____

Student Name _____ (Print)

Class _____

Purpose

Science is a hands-on laboratory class. However, science activities may have potential hazards. Students will use some equipment, chemicals, and animals that may be dangerous if not handled properly. Safety in the science classroom is an important part of the scientific process. To help ensure a safe classroom, a list of rules has been developed and when signed, will become a Science Safety Contract. These rules must be followed at all times. Additional specific safety instructions will be explained for each activity. The rules are provided to protect students and staff so that everyone benefits from the lab.

No science 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 in the science room. Horseplay, practical jokes, and pranks will not be tolerated.
2. Follow all written and verbal instruction. Ask your teacher questions if you do not understand the instructions.
3. Do not touch any equipment, supplies, animals, or other materials in the science room without permission from the teacher.
4. Perform only authorized and approved experiments.
5. Never eat, drink, chew gum, or taste anything in the science room.
6. 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.
7. Wear safety goggles when instructed. Never remove goggles during an experiment. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
8. Clean all work areas and equipment at the end of the experiment. Return all equipment to its proper location.
9. Follow your teacher instructions to dispose of any waste materials generated in an experiment.
10. Report any accident (fire, spill, breakage, etc.), injury (cut, burn, etc.) or hazardous condition (fire, unintended chemical reaction, etc.) to the teacher immediately.
11. Consider all chemicals used in the science room to be dangerous. Do not touch or smell any chemicals unless specifically instructed to do so.
12. Handle all organisms with care and respect. Specific rules will apply for each organism.
13. Always carry a microscope with both hands. Hold the arm with one hand and place the other hand under the base.
14. Treat all preserved specimens and dissecting equipment with care and respect.

15. Never open storage cabinets or enter the prep/storage room without permission from the teacher.
16. Do not remove chemicals, equipment, supplies, or organisms from the science room without permission of the teacher
17. Handle all glassware with care. Never pick up hot or broken glassware with you bare hands.
18. 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 burner unattended.
19. Dress appropriately for the laboratory—long hair must be tied back, no dangling jewelry and no loose or baggy clothing should be worn. Wear aprons when instructed.
20. 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.

Important Questions

Does your child wear contact lenses? *(Circle One)* **Yes** **or** **No**

Does your child have any allergies? *(Circle One)* **Yes** **or** **No**
or other Medical Problems?*(That could affect their participation in science)*

If yes, please list:

AGREEMENT

I, _____ (student 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
 Date _____

Dear Parents or Guardians:

Allegany County Public Schools is committed to establishing and maintaining a safe science classroom/laboratory environment. Please read the list of safety rules with your child. No student will be permitted to perform science 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, reviewed it with your child, and are aware of the measures taken to ensure the safety of your son/daughter in the science classroom. Please be sure to answer the Important Questions.

 Parent/Guardian Signature
 Date _____

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