

Science Safety Contract

Science classes are hands-on laboratory-based classes. Due to this, science activities may have potential hazards. Both hazardous materials and equipment will be used and may be dangerous if not handled properly. Understanding safety in the science classroom is an important part of the scientific process and a list of rules has been created to ensure safety for all students. **These rules must be followed at all times. Additional safety instructions will be given for each activity.**

I Will follow the following rules:

1. Come to class prepared to be responsible in the lab. Horseplay, practical jokes, and pranks will not be allowed.
2. Carefully follow all written and oral instructions given by the teacher. **I will ask questions BEFORE beginning lab if I don't understand.**
3. Not touch or use any of the materials and equipment without permission.
4. Not eat, drink, chew gum, or taste anything in the lab.
5. Use protective devices for my eyes, face, hands, body, and clothing when specified by the teacher during laboratory activities.
6. **Dress properly for lab.** Long hair must be tied back. Jewelry must remain close to the body.
7. Know the location of first aid and fire extinguishing equipment, and **how to use it.**
8. Keep my work area clean and free of clutter during lab time. Binders must be kept off of the work area.
9. **Immediately notify my instructor of any accident (broken glass, fire, spill, etc.) and/or injury (cuts, scrapes, burns, etc.) that may occur.**
10. Respect others and property in the lab. This includes all living and nonliving organisms, and equipment that are used.
11. Handle all glassware with care. Never pick up hot or broken glass with bare hands.
12. **CLEAN UP when lab is complete.** All materials must be placed in the correct location. The lab and surrounding area must be clean before the class will be dismissed. **No passes will be provided if the class fails to clean and must stay extra time.**
13. **If equipment becomes damaged or broken due to misbehavior, I will notify my instructor, AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR THE EQUIPMENT THAT WAS BROKEN.**
14. Behave in a manner that will ensure the health and safety of others and myself in the laboratory AT ALL TIMES.

Lab grades are weighted as much as assessments and are an important part of the science grade.

In order to participate in lab, EVERY expectation must be followed.

There are NO exceptions to these expectations.

Failure to follow expectations will result in removal from lab and zero credit.

Additional consequences may be implemented at the discretion of the teacher, and administration, for continued disciplinary issues.

I, _____, have read the set of written science safety rules prepared by the ERA science department and agree to follow them to ensure my own safety and the safety of others.

Student Signature

Date

As a Parent/Guardian, your signature on this contract indicates you have read the Safety Contract, reviewed it with your child, and are aware of the measures taken to ensure the safety of your child in the classroom. No student will be allowed to participate in lab until this contract is signed by both the student and parent/guardian, and turned into the teacher.

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date