

Lab Safety Contract

Factory Shoals Middle School Science

Science classes involve a hands-on laboratory component. To ensure a safe place to learn, students are required to follow the safety rules listed below.

Conduct in the Laboratory

1. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times in the laboratory or workshop. Horseplay and pranks are dangerous and prohibited. Do not wander around the room, distract other students or interfere with the work of others
2. Carefully follow all instructions. If you do not understand a direction or a part of a procedure, ask the instructor before proceeding.
3. Unauthorized experiments or use of materials is prohibited. Perform only those activities authorized by the instructor.
4. Students may not work in the laboratory or workshop without an instructor present.
5. Students are not permitted in storage rooms or in preparation areas unless accompanied by an instructor.
6. Eating, drinking or chewing gum during a laboratory or workshop activity is prohibited.
7. All chemicals in the laboratory are to be considered dangerous. Do not touch, taste, or smell any chemicals unless specifically instructed to do so. Keep hands away from the face, eyes, mouth and body while using chemicals or preserved specimens.
8. Preserved biological materials are to be treated with respect and disposed of properly according to instructor directions.

Clothing

9. Lab aprons and safety goggles are provided to protect you from possible injury. They should be worn during activities where tools are used or where potentially dangerous substances might get into your eyes or on your clothing.
10. Dress properly during a laboratory activity. Long hair must be tied back and dangling jewelry and loose or baggy clothing must be secured. Open-toed footwear is not recommended.
11. Clean up all lab tools, materials, and surfaces as instructed by your teacher. Return all equipment clean and in working order to the proper storage area.
12. Wash your hands with soap and water after performing laboratory or workshop activities.

In Case of Accident

13. Report any accident (spill, breakage, etc.), injury (cut, burn, etc.), or unsafe condition to the instructor immediately, no matter how trivial it may appear. Students should not handle broken glass.
14. Know the locations and operating procedures of all safety equipment including the eyewash station, safety shower, fire extinguisher, and fire blanket. Know where the emergency exits are located.

I have reviewed and understand these safety rules and agree to follow them:

Student (print) _____ *(sign)* _____ *Date:* _____

I have reviewed these rules and agree to support my child and the teacher in maintaining a safe laboratory environment:

Parent/guardian (print) _____ *(sign)* _____ *Date:* _____