

Safety in the Science Classroom

The following standard operating procedures will apply to all Life Science laboratories. Students must adhere to these rules and practice acceptable behaviors to make these areas safe for **ALL** students.

Safety Rules:

- 1. REPORT ALL INJURIES, NO MATTER HOW MINOR, TO THE TEACHER.**
2. Do not handle equipment and supplies set up in the labs until given instructions to do so from the teacher.
3. Eye protection must be worn when required by the teacher.
4. Personal protective equipment such as gloves and apron should be used at the direction of the teacher.
5. **No** eating or drinking is permitted during any science labs or unless a consumable is part of a lab procedure and the teacher gives permission to eat consumables.
6. Smell chemicals only by wafting a small amount of vapor toward the nose with your hand.
7. **No unauthorized experimentation is allowed!** Do not change written lab procedures without permission from the teacher.
8. Follow lab procedures carefully and accurately. Do not proceed with any experimentation if you do not understand the procedure.
9. **Students should clean the work area and wash hands thoroughly before leaving the classroom.**
10. **No** horseplay or running in the classroom.
11. Look out for those around you while conducting experiments.
12. Tie loose hair, roll up long sleeves, and do not wear baggy clothes while conducting experiments – these can catch on equipment and cause spills or damage.
13. Do not wear open shoes on lab days. (No sandals or flip flops as injury can occur from falling objects)
14. When heating a test tube never point it in the direction of anyone.
15. Students should know the location of and how to operate all available safety equipment.
16. **AN EXPERIMENT IS NOT FINISHED UNTIL ALL MATERIALS ARE CLEANED UP, TABLE READY FOR NEXT CLASS, AND ROOM CLEANED!**

Student Violation of Rules:

Depending on the severity of the incident, the teacher may respond by:

- A. Verbal warning
- B. Verbal warning, record is kept of the violation.
- C. Review of rules involved; parents contacted.
- D. Conference with parents.
- E. Sending student to conference with administrator.

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(Print Student Name)

Your student will be working in labs during this course. In order to assure his/her personal safety and the safety of others, it is important the above rules are followed. Please return the bottom portion of this form to your teacher.

We have read, understand, and agree to follow these safety rules and procedures.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

_____ Please check here if your student wears contact lenses.

_____ Please check here if your student has allergies. (Explain: _____)