

St. Mary Science Department Safety Contract

Students enrolled in any science class must follow the safety rules as outlined in the Science Safety Contract below.

The following are general safety rules and guidelines associated with any and all science courses. Additional specific safety instruction will be delivered on an as needed basis.

To participate in any science class, you and your parent or guardian must read, understand, and sign the agreement below. Failure to do so will restrict your ability to participate in experimental activities.

1. All students must wear goggles properly when requested by the teacher. No exceptions.
2. Students must conduct themselves in a responsible manner at all times in the classroom and laboratory
3. Students must follow all written and verbal instructions carefully. If you do not understand a direction or part of a procedure, always ask the teacher for assistance.
4. When entering a science classroom and/or laboratory, do not touch any equipment, chemicals, or other materials until you have been instructed by the teacher to do so.
5. Absolutely no food or drink in the laboratory.
6. Always keep hands away from face, eyes, mouth and body while using chemicals or preserved specimens. Be sure to wash your hands with soap and water after performing all experiments.
7. If any chemical gets on your hands, or any other part of your body, alert the teacher and follow instructions (e.g. wash it off immediately)
8. Clean with supplied materials (detergent), rinse and wipe dry all apparatus at the end of each experiment and return all equipment clean and in working order to the proper storage area.
9. When transferring reagents from one container to another, hold the containers away from your body.
10. Never return unused chemicals to their original containers. When in doubt, ask the teacher.
11. Never remove chemicals or any materials from the laboratory area.
12. Examine glassware before each use. Never use chipped, cracked, or dirty glassware
13. Carry glass tubing (especially long pieces), in a vertical position to minimize breakage and injury.
14. Never attempt to handle broken glass. Alert the teacher immediately and sweep up the broken glass with a dust pan and broom. Dispose of broken glass in the designated "broken glass" container. Clean up any spills.
15. Always wear closed toed shoes in the lab. Roll up loose sleeve and tie back long hair when in the lab.
16. Report all damage and accidents immediately to the teacher.
17. If you do not understand how to use a piece of equipment, always ask your teacher before proceeding.
18. Never place any hot apparatus directly on a laboratory desk. Always use an insulating pad. Allow time for the apparatus to cool before touching it.

19. If any chemicals or debris gets into your eye, do not touch your eye. Alert the teacher immediately, proceed to the eyewash station and wash your eyes for 15 minutes.
20. All chemicals must be disposed of properly. No chemicals are to be dumped into the sink. Follow teacher's directions carefully. Each reaction will have its own waste container.

Parent / Guardian(s) signatures are required on the contract.

I, _____ (please print), have read and agree to follow the above listed rules and guidelines. These rules and guidelines have been developed to ensure the safety of myself, fellow students, teacher, and the environment. I understand that failure to comply may result in disciplinary action. By signing this "contract", I agree to cooperate to the fullest extent possible, including but not limited to, any oral or written instructions.

Student signature

Parent signature

Date: _____