

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Lab safety agreement

Science is about discovery. One way to make discoveries is through laboratory investigations, also called labs. This safety agreement provides a set of rules to ensure your safety in the laboratory. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the laboratory you are using may be at an appropriate place at home or at school in the classroom. No matter where you are performing the lab you will be expected to adhere to this lab safety agreement.

Please read the lab safety rules below with a parent or guardian.

### Lab Safety Rules:

1. Always conduct yourself in a safe and responsible manner in the lab. No horseplay, running, yelling, fighting or throwing objects.
2. Follow all lab instructions carefully. Ask questions if you do not understand instructions.
3. Only work on the lab after you have received appropriate instructions from the teacher.
4. Do not eat, drink, or chew gum during a lab.
5. Keep your work area clean. This includes cleaning up after the lab is finished.
6. Work on the lab in a safe manner, using all available safety equipment as needed.
7. Students will supply their own safety goggles. When instructed to wear goggles for a lab it is expected that the student wears the goggles for the entire lab (goggles are put on before materials are gathered and not taken off until clean-up is complete).
8. Wear goggles anytime you use chemicals, heat or glassware. Contact lenses should not be worn in the lab.
9. Report all accidents and injuries to your teacher immediately!
10. Keep your hands away from your face, eyes and hair while using chemicals.
11. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after the lab.
12. Examine equipment and glassware for damage or breaks before use.
13. Consider all chemicals used during a lab to be dangerous. Do not touch, taste, or smell any chemicals unless instructed to do so.
14. Dispose of all chemicals and waste properly, according to the teacher's guidelines. Never return unused chemicals to their original container.
15. If a chemical enters your eyes or touches your skin, notify the teacher immediately. If you are doing the lab at home, notify an adult that is present. Flush the affected area with running water for at least 20 minutes.
16. Long hair must be tied back during a lab.
17. Students must not wear loose clothing or dangling jewelry during a lab. Shoes must completely cover the foot.

You agree to promptly inform your teacher of any limitations or accommodations required for your safety and the safety of other students. You understand that failure to comply with these lab safety rules can lead to unsafe lab conditions and result in harm to you or others. If you do not comply with the lab safety rules you may be dismissed from the lab without opportunity for make-up. Serious violations of the lab safety rules will be dealt with according to your student Code of Conduct.

By completing the lab safety rules assignment, you are agreeing to follow the lab safety rules. You are also agreeing to cooperate with your teacher and fellow students to create and maintain a safe lab environment. These lab rules apply whether you are completing the lab at home or at school.