

# Dixie Middle School

## Science Lab Safety Contract

### PURPOSE

Safety in the science classroom is the #1 priority for students, teachers and parents. To ensure a safe science classroom, a list of rules has been developed and provided to you in this Science Safety Contract. These rules MUST be followed at all times. If you agree to follow the following rules, you will be able to participate in the laboratory activities in your science class. After reading and agreeing to the rules in this contract, sign the appropriate line on the course disclosure.

### GENERAL RULES

- \_\_\_\_1. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times in the laboratory.
- \_\_\_\_2. Follow all written and verbal instructions carefully. If you do not understand a direction or part of a procedure, ask the teacher before proceeding.
- \_\_\_\_3. Never work alone. No student may work in the laboratory without a teacher present.
- \_\_\_\_4. Do not touch any equipment, chemicals, or other materials in the laboratory area until you are instructed to do so.
- \_\_\_\_5. Do not eat food, drink beverages, or chew gum in the laboratory.
- \_\_\_\_6. Carefully follow all instructions, both written and oral. Unauthorized experiments are prohibited.
- \_\_\_\_7. Read all procedures thoroughly.
- \_\_\_\_8. Behave responsibly in the laboratory. Horseplay, practical jokes, and pranks are dangerous and prohibited.
- \_\_\_\_9. Work areas should be kept clean and tidy at all times.
- \_\_\_\_10. Know the locations and operating procedures of all safety equipment including eyewash station, fire extinguisher, and fire blanket. Know where the fire alarm and the exits are located.
- \_\_\_\_11. Tell the teacher immediately of any unsafe conditions you observe.
- \_\_\_\_12. Dispose of all materials properly.
  
- \_\_\_\_13. Keep hands away from face, eyes, mouth and body while using laboratory materials. Wash your hands, work surfaces and apparatus at the end of the experiment. Return all equipment clean and in working order to the proper storage area.
- \_\_\_\_14. You will be assigned an area at which you will work. Do not wander around the room, distract other students, or interfere with the laboratory experiments of others.
- \_\_\_\_15. Students are never permitted in the science storage rooms or preparation areas unless given specific permission by their teacher.
- \_\_\_\_16. Handle all living organisms used in a laboratory activity in a humane manner.
- \_\_\_\_17. If you have a medical condition such as allergies tell your teacher.
- \_\_\_\_18. **Any time chemicals, heat, or glassware are used, students will wear laboratory goggles. There will be no exceptions to this rule!**
- \_\_\_\_19. Dress properly during a laboratory activity. Long hair, dangling jewelry, and loose or baggy clothing are a hazard in the laboratory.
- \_\_\_\_20. Report any accident (spill, breakage, etc.) or injury (cut, burn, etc.) to the teacher immediately, no matter how trivial it may appear.
- \_\_\_\_21. If a chemical splashes in your eye(s) or on your skin, immediately flush with running water.
- \_\_\_\_22. Do not touch, taste, or smell any chemicals unless specifically instructed to do so.
- \_\_\_\_23. Never handle broken glass with your bare hands. Use a brush and dustpan to clean up broken glass.
- \_\_\_\_24. If you do not understand how to use a piece of equipment, ask the instructor for help.