

Student's Science Safety Contract

The scientific theories we read about in our textbooks are all founded on evidence. Laboratory work is an essential part of understanding scientific concepts, discovering, and developing the skills necessary for scientifically literate individuals. Students must comply with the following rules and regulations when experimenting in my classroom; otherwise, they will be excluded from such activities.

I Will....

1. I will follow only the directions given by the instructor or written on protocol sheets. If I do not understand the procedure, I will ask the instructor first for clarification.
2. I will remain respectful of the instructor, of my fellow students, and of the classroom animals at all times.
3. I will handle laboratory equipment with utmost care and take the necessary precautions when handling potentially dangerous materials including the proper disposal of such materials.
4. I will wear appropriate attire when conducting experiments. This includes:
 - ◊ Wearing AASD-approved goggles when required
 - ◊ Wearing gloves and a laboratory coat when required
 - ◊ Securing long hair, no dangling jewelry at all times
 - ◊ Wearing closed-toed shoes at all times
5. I will direct my attention fully to the laboratory being conducted, which includes paying attention to my work space at all times and acting in a mature manner.
6. I will be conscientious of my work space and equipment, and will keep it as clean and orderly as possible by following proper clean-up protocols.
7. I will report any accidents, spills, or injuries to my instructor immediately, whether this incident was of my own doing or not.
8. I will use the safety shower, eye wash, fire blanket, and first-aid kit in an emergency situation only; and I know the locations of this equipment as well as how to use it.
9. I will leave things unnecessary to the lab under or on my desk.
10. I will read all labels on laboratory containers to ensure I am using the correct substance, to ensure I am aware of its hazardous potential, and to determine proper disposal procedures.

I Will Never...

1. I will never deviate from the lab directions at any point in time, nor will I touch the laboratory equipment when the instructor has not given me permission, nor will I work on a lab without a certified science instructor present in the classroom.
2. I will never do anything that brings harm or has the potential to bring harm to any person or animal in the science classroom.
3. I will never purposefully ingest, inhale, or touch potentially dangerous solids, liquids, or gases at any time. If equipment is broken in non-accidental circumstances, I will pay to replace this apparatus.
4. I will never remove my goggles, laboratory coat, or gloves during experiments that require them.
5. I will never horseplay or leave my lab bench unattended during experimentation.
6. I will never leave my work space in a disorderly manner, or fail to clean laboratory equipment at the conclusion of experiments.
7. I will not attempt to hide or cover-up a laboratory accident or injury.
8. I will never use the emergency equipment unless the situation calls for such measures.
9. I will never have purses, backpacks, books, food, drink, or gum with me at the laboratory stations.
10. I will never handle an unlabeled container, including opening the bottle to determine what's inside; nor will I put contaminated and/or used substances back into original container.

*****I WILL NEVER ATTEMPT TO REPLICATE ANY EXPERIMENT DONE IN THE LAB OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM THE INSTRUCTOR *****

Response to Student Violation of Contract:

- 1st violation: Verbal warning, record is kept of infraction
2nd violation: Removal from class; Re-signing of contract by both student and parent, grade deduction
3rd violation: Parent/teacher conference, grade deduction
4th violation: Suspension from class activities for remainder of year, grade deduction

The instructor holds the right to adjust violation punishments under certain circumstances.

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Dear Students and Parents,

Please read the safety contract for this class, fill out the medical information questionnaire, and sign and date the bottom of this page. Students should keep the safety contract in their science notebook as a constant reminder of safety rules. Students who have failed to fill in this page and/or have not returned this page to me will be unable to participate in laboratory experiments. I believe that investigative learning is vital in order to understand and appreciate the nature of science, not to mention hands-on activities are a lot of fun! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at grapes@ufl.edu. I'm looking forward to a great year full of learning and discovery!

Sincerely,

Ashley Grapes

Medical Information Questionnaire:

	Please circle one:		Additional Comments:
Do you wear contact lenses?	Yes	No	
Are you color blind?	Yes	No	
Do you have any allergies?	Yes	No	
Other?			

I, _____, have read and agree to follow the safety rules set forth in this contract, effective in Ms. Grapes' Biology classroom, and certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I realize that I must obey these rules to ensure my own safety and the safety of others. I am aware that any violations of this safety contract may result in disciplinary action, including suspension, and/or receiving a failing grade.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____