

## 7TH GRADE SCIENCE SAFETY CONTRACT

This document explains the rules that all students must follow during science laboratories and hands on investigations. Because it is imperative that our students are working in a safe environment, students and their parents/guardians must affirm their awareness and understanding of the rules and agree to support them by reading and signing the bottom of this document.

### PERSONAL SAFETY

- ✓ Every person shall wear eye protection devices when participating in lab activities that involve working with heat, chemicals, glassware, or any time instructed to do so by the teacher.
- ✓ Wash your hands before removing your goggles and leaving the lab.
- ✓ Never be a practical joker in the lab.
- ✓ If you do not understand how or why to do a task, ask your teacher for help.
- ✓ Some chemicals are known to be harmful to our health. Let your teacher know of any health concerns.
- ✓ Tie back long hair. Secure loose clothing, to the body and remove loose fitting coats and jackets, and dangling jewelry.

### ROOM SAFETY

- ✓ Learn the location of the eyewash station and fire extinguisher and how to use them.
- ✓ Before leaving the science classroom insure that your lab station is clean and all equipment is put away neatly.
- ✓ Any area designated off-limits is to be strictly observed by students.
- ✓ Push in chairs whenever you get up from your seat.

### LAB SAFETY SKILLS

- ✓ Follow your instructor's instructions before, during, and after all lab activities.
- ✓ Read an assigned investigation carefully before beginning it.
- ✓ Work deliberately and with definite purpose, but do not try to hurry.
- ✓ Keep the workspace at your station clean and in good order.
- ✓ **Read the labels carefully** before taking anything from a bottle. Using the wrong material could result in serious injury.
- ✓ Never mix or heat chemicals unless you are directed to do so.
- ✓ Know what you are doing. Be wary of what neighboring students are doing.
- ✓ Dispose of all materials as the teacher directs.
- ✓ All chemicals should be regarded as hazardous unless informed otherwise by your teacher.
- ✓ **Never taste a chemical or a solution** or touch chemicals with your hands unless directed to do so by your teacher.
- ✓ If any chemical is spilled or splashed on your skin or in your eyes, flood with water immediately, then notify your instructor.
- ✓ **Notify your instructor of any accident or potentially hazardous situation.**

**Please sign and return this entire contract by Sept. 13, 2010. Please be sure to complete the other side too.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as a ***student***, have read and understand the above regulations. I have discussed them with my parent/guardian and agree to follow them.

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as the ***parent/guardian*** of \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the above regulations. I have discussed the importance of them with my child.

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_