**Safety contract for the Physics lab**

1. **Follow directions**. Come to lab prepared to perform the experiment. Follow all written and verbal instructions. When in doubt, ask.
2. **Absolutely no horseplay**. Be alert and attentive at all times. Act like an adult.
3. Report all accidents, injuries or breakage to the instructor immediately. Also, report any equipment that you suspect is malfunctioning.
4. Dress appropriately. Avoid wearing overly-bulky or loose-fitting clothing, or dangling jewelry that may become entangled in your experimental apparatus. Pin or tie back long hair and roll up loose sleeves.
5. Use goggles:
   1. when heating anything.
   2. when using any type of projectile.
   3. when instructed to do so.
6. Use equipment with care for the purpose for which it is intended.
7. **Do not perform unauthorized experiments**. Get the instructor's permission before you try something original.
8. Be careful when working with apparatus that may be hot. If you must pick it up, use tongs, a wet paper towel, or other appropriate holder.
9. If a thermometer breaks, inform the instructor immediately. Do not touch either the broken glass or the mercury with your bare skin.
10. Ask the instructor to check all electrical circuits before you turn on the power.
11. When working with electrical circuits, be sure that the current is turned off before making adjustments in the circuit.
12. Do not connect the terminals of a battery or power supply to each other with a wire. Such a wire will become dangerously hot.
13. Return all equipment, clean and in good condition, to the designated location at the end of the lab period.
14. Leave your lab area cleaner than you found it.

AGREEMENT I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ,(student’s name) have read and agree to follow all of the safety rules set forth in this contract. I realize that I must obey these rules to ensure my own safety, and that of my fellow students and instructors. I will cooperate to the fullest extent with my instructor and fellow students to maintain a safe lab environment. I will also closely follow the oral and written instructions provided by the instructor. I am aware that any violation of this safety contract that results in unsafe conduct in the laboratory or misbehavior on my part, may result in being removed from the laboratory, detention, receiving a failing grade, and/or dismissal from the course.

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Student Signature Date

Dear Parent or Guardian: We feel that you should be informed regarding the school’s effort to create and maintain a safe science classroom/ laboratory environment. With the cooperation of the instructors, parents, and students, a safety instruction program can eliminate, prevent, and correct possible hazards. You should be aware of the safety instructions your son/daughter will receive before engaging in any laboratory work. Please read the list of safety rules above. No student will be permitted to perform laboratory activities unless this contract is signed by both the student and parent/guardian and is on file with the teacher. Your signature on this contract indicates that you have read this Student Safety Contract, are aware of the measures taken to ensure the safety of your son/daughter in the science laboratory, and will instruct your son/ daughter to uphold his/her agreement to follow these rules and procedures in the laboratory.

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