



Rock Hill Schools Laboratory Safety Agreement

In order to conduct safe and effective laboratory activities, all students must follow proper laboratory procedures. Please initial each item and sign where indicated.

Do you have allergies or other medical conditions that your instructor should be aware of? Yes No
If yes, please describe. _____

General Rules

1. Prepare for the lab by reading the instructions and safety information ahead of time.
2. Always pay attention to the work—don't fool around in the lab. No horseplay, pranks, or practical jokes.
3. Follow all verbal and written instructions given by the instructor.
4. Never work in the lab unsupervised or perform unauthorized or unapproved experiments.
5. Do not eat, drink, apply cosmetics, manipulate contact lenses, or chew gum in the lab.
6. Keep work areas tidy. Keep aisles and exits clear, and move backpacks, jackets, and other personal items out of the way of lab work. *Student Initials* _____

Personal Safety

1. Approved eye protection must be properly worn at all times while you perform lab work.
2. Wear any additional safety equipment (aprons, gloves, etc.) as directed by the instructor.
3. Wear closed-toe shoes, tie back long hair, avoid loose or baggy clothing, and avoid short skirts or shorts while performing lab work.
4. Report all accidents, spills, or injuries to the instructor immediately.
5. Know the location of, and how to use, all classroom safety equipment. Know the location of the nearest exit.
6. Wash hands with soap and water after handling any laboratory materials. *Student Initials* _____

Laboratory Safety

1. Consider all lab chemicals and specimens to be dangerous. Do not touch, smell, or taste any chemicals unless specifically instructed to do so.
2. Read the label on bottles carefully before using chemicals. Be sure you're using the correct chemical before removing it from the bottle.
3. Do not remove chemicals, specimens, equipment, or other supplies from the lab.
4. Follow proper procedures when operating a burner or other heat source. Always turn it off when not in use.
5. Do not handle broken glass with bare hands. Use a brush and dustpan to clean up broken glass and place in a designated glass disposal container.
6. Dispose of all waste materials only as directed by the instructor. *Student Initials* _____

I have read and fully understand the rules, safety practices, and regulations governing my conduct in the science laboratory. I will abide by these rules to ensure my safety and the safety of all laboratory participants. I will follow all written and verbal instructions given by the instructor and ask questions if I do not understand a direction or procedure. I understand that violation of these rules may result in removal from the laboratory, removal from the science class, a lowered grade, or other consequences as determined by the instructor.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date