

Lab Safety Contract

BE SAFE 

 LEARN
SCIENCE

HAVE FUN 

Science classes are often hands on. Students will be performing activities that may require the use of chemicals, laboratory equipment, and other items which, if used incorrectly, can be hazardous. To keep our class safe, the rules listed below must be followed at all times. The student and a parent / guardian **must sign the sheet attached to this contract.**

Please read the entire contract before you sign.

- GENERAL SAFETY RULES -

- Follow all instructions carefully. If you do not understand a direction or part of a procedure, **ASK YOUR TEACHER BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THE ACTIVITY**
- Be responsible! Horseplay, jokes, and pranks will not be tolerated
- Keep the surfaces and floors of your work area uncluttered during the lab
- Clean up lab area and properly store equipment after the lab is complete
- Report any broken equipment, accidents, or injuries to the teacher immediately
- Know the locations and operating procedures of all safety equipment including: safety showers, sinks, first aid kits, and fire extinguishers

CHEMICAL SAFETY



- Wear safety glasses or goggles at all times when working with chemicals
- Don't touch any part of your face without first washing your hands
- Never eat or drink in the lab
- Follow teacher instructions for proper chemical disposal
- Consider all chemicals to be dangerous - don't touch, smell or mix chemicals unless instructed to do so by the teacher. Many chemicals look deceptively like water!

FIRE SAFETY



- Use caution when using matches, hot plates, burners or torches
- Only light burners when instructed to do so and never leave a lit burner unattended
- Don't heat any substances without an okay from the teacher
- Use tongs or oven mitts when handling hot containers (Hot glass looks like cold glass)
- Always wear goggles when heating glass
- Dress properly - avoid loose or baggy clothing or jewelry and tie long hair back

GLASS & SHARP-OBJECT SAFETY



- Handle all glassware with care, never pickup broken glass with your bare hands
- Never run during lab time, especially with sharp objects! (Generally a good rule in life)
- Always hand sharp objects with the blade facing towards yourself

Student Agreement: By signing as a student, I am saying that I have read and understand the Delta Middle Program's Safety Contract. I am also agreeing to follow lab safety procedures. I understand that by not signing, I may forfeit my privilege to participate in future classroom activities and labs which may affect my grade in this class.

Student Name (please **print** legibly) _____

Student Signature _____

Parent / Guardian Agreement: By signing as the parent or guardian of the above student, I show that I am aware of the classroom policies and procedures as stated in this Delta Middle Program's Safety Contract. I realize that by not signing this document my child may forfeit their privilege to participate in classroom activities and labs.

Parent / Guardian Name (please **print** legibly) _____

Parent / Guardian Signature _____