

## SAFETY AGREEMENT

The laboratory is a safe place to work if you are careful. However, you will be working with both equipment and materials that can cause injury when not properly handled. Accidents in the lab are generally the result of carelessness, haste, and disregard of safety rules and practices. It is therefore important that you read, understand, and carefully follow these rules when working in the laboratory. To indicate that you have read and understand these General Guidelines, you will be asked to sign and date a statement. Additional information is also attached relating to specific safety practices.

### GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. The laboratory is a place for serious work. Study the lab procedure BEFORE coming to class and be prepared to begin work when you arrive.
2. DO NOT PERFORM UNAUTHORIZED EXPERIMENTS. Complete only those lab activities assigned by your teacher.
3. Follow both written and oral instructions carefully. DO NOT IMPROVISE.
4. Set up apparatus' as described by your teacher or lab manual. Never set up or leave any piece of glassware to be used near the edge of the table where it can be knocked onto the floor. Use the designated instrument for handling equipment or apparatus.
5. Be alert and proceed with caution at all times. NEVER leave an experiment unattended. Always mark glassware with a wax pencil and label your chemicals.
6. Keep work space uncluttered. Only lab manuals or directions, notebook, pen/pencil, and calculator should be brought into the work area. All other books, purses, etc. should be left in a designated storage area.
7. Wear clothing appropriate for working in lab. Loose garments such as jackets and ties should be removed. Roll up and secure long sleeves. Jewelry that might present a safety hazard such as dangling necklaces, chains, bracelets, and earrings should not be worn in the lab. Wear provided aprons, safety glasses, gloves, and other personal protection equipment.
8. When open flames are present in the lab, long hair will be tied back or covered.
9. Clean and wipe dry all work surfaces at the end of class or your grade will be lowered. Make sure to use soapy water to clean glassware. Wash your hands thoroughly. You should clean up when instructed - 5 minutes before the end of the period.
10. NEVER bring food or drinks into the lab.
11. Return all equipment and reagents to the proper places when no longer needed. Dispose of chemicals, broken glassware, and other waste materials as directed by your teacher.
12. Know the location of emergency equipment and how to use it.
13. If you miss all or part of a lab, you must do a research project as an alternative assignment. You usually have 1 week before it is due from the time you return to school.

**After you fill out the following, please take a picture and post it on Seesaw under your child's account.**

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*I have read & agree to follow all of the safety rules set forth in this contract. I realize I must obey these rules to insure my own safety, & of my fellow students & teachers. I will cooperate to the fullest extent with the oral and written instructions provided by the instructor. I am aware that any violation of this safety contract may result in being removed from the lab, receiving a failing grade, and/or future lab experience.*

\_\_\_\_\_ name  
\_\_\_\_\_ date

### QUESTIONS

1. Do you wear contact lenses? Y or N
2. Are you color blind? Y or N
3. Do you have allergies? Y or N If so, list specific allergies:

Dear Parent or Guardian,

*The chemistry instructors at SHS feel you should be informed regarding the school's effort to create & maintain a safe science class/lab environment. With the cooperation of 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 lab work. Please read the list of safety rules. No student will be permitted to perform lab activities unless this contract is signed by both the student and parent/guardian and is on file with the instructor. Your signature on this contract indicates you have read this Student Safety Contract & are aware of the safety measures taken in the science classroom.*

Parent/Guardian Signature

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # of the person we can contact immediately if there is an accident:

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