

STUDENT SAFETY CONTRACT

I WILL:

- Follow all instructions given by the teacher.
- Protect eyes, face, hands, and body when involved in science experiments.
- Clean and dry my lab work area at the end of the lab.
- Wash my hands after each lab experiment.
- Know where to get help fast.
- Know the location of first aid, eye wash, fire blanket, and fire extinguisher.
- Conduct myself in a responsible manner at all times.

I, _____ have been instructed in the lab safety and
student's name

emergency techniques needed for my science class. I have passed a lab safety quiz or test, which allows me to participate in lab activities. I understand and agree to follow the lab safety regulations set forth above and in the Lab Safety Guide I received from my teacher. I am aware that my safety and the safety of my classmates depends on my behavior in the laboratory. With this in mind, I will closely follow the oral and written instructions provided by my teacher and/or the school administration.

Eye and Face Protection Guidelines

1. Eye and face protection shall be required where there is a reasonable probability of injury that can be prevented by such protection.
2. Safety goggles shall be worn by every teacher and student in labs when:
 - grinding or cutting solids
 - heating materials
 - working with chemicals
3. Prescription lenses and contact lenses are not eye protection devices, therefore, if eye hazards are present, appropriate eye protection must be worn in conjunction with prescription lenses and or contact lenses.

Contact Lenses in the Laboratory

The use of contact lenses in some laboratory environments can pose a danger to the eyes and/or the lens. Listed below are some facts to be considered concerning contact lens use in the laboratory environment:

- ⇒ Should an accident occur which involves splashing chemicals into the eye, the lens may hold the chemical on the eye.
- ⇒ In such an accident as described above, the time it takes to remove the lens is added to the time before washing and/or medication can be administered.
- ⇒ Soft contact lenses may increase the risk of eye injury because they may pick up chemicals which enter the air as fumes. In such cases damage may occur to the lens, if not to the eye.

In spite of the above facts, there are teachers and professors who have continued to wear contact lenses in the laboratory and have not experienced any difficulty. Considerations for the wearing of contact lenses in the laboratory are:

- ⇒ Routine wearers of contact lenses may suffer "spectacle blur" when they switch to spectacles, and this temporary reduction in visual efficiency could result in the misreading of labels.
- ⇒ Contact lenses provide better peripheral vision than eyeglasses.
- ⇒ The use of unvented goggles will provide the appropriate protection in most cases.

The decision to wear or not wear contact lenses in the laboratory should, therefore, be the student's and the parent's. Please check the appropriate choice below, sign and return to your son's/daughter's teacher. Whatever your decision should be, it is up to your son/daughter to follow your choice.

- _____ 1. My son/daughter _____ does not wear contact lenses and will wear goggles during labs when required to do so.
- _____ 2. My son/daughter, _____ will wear contact lenses under unvented goggles during labs.
- _____ 3. My son/daughter, _____ will remove contact lenses prior to lab and will wear glasses under the goggles.

Date: _____

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature