

# Science Safety Contract



Science is a hands-on laboratory class. Students will be doing many laboratory activities that may require the use of chemicals, laboratory equipment, and other items which, if used incorrectly, can be hazardous. To ensure a safe science classroom, a list of rules has been developed and provided to you in this student safety contract. These rules must be followed at all times. Each student and his/her parent or guardian must review the entire contract, preferably together, sign it, and return the signed agreement page. A student will only be allowed to participate in labs once his/her contract has been signed and returned to me. Please keep this contract for your reference. Should you ever need an additional copy, you can find one at: [www2.newton.k12.ma.us/~laura\\_rossier](http://www2.newton.k12.ma.us/~laura_rossier).

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## GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times.
2. Follow all written and verbal instructions carefully. If you do not understand a direction or part of a procedure, **ASK YOUR TEACHER BEFORE PROCEEDING.**
3. Never work alone in the laboratory. No student may work in the science classroom without the presence of a teacher.
4. When you first get to class, do not touch any equipment, chemicals, or other materials until you are instructed to do so.
5. Perform only those experiments authorized by your teacher. Carefully follow all instructions, both written and oral. Unauthorized experiments are not allowed.
6. Do not eat, drink, or chew gum in the laboratory. Do not use laboratory glassware as containers for food or beverages.
7. Be prepared for your work in the laboratory. Read all procedures thoroughly before beginning a lab.
8. Never fool around in the laboratory. Horseplay, practical jokes, and pranks are dangerous and prohibited.
9. Work areas should be kept clean and tidy at all times.
10. Be alert and proceed with caution at all times. Notify the teacher immediately of any unsafe or questionable conditions you observe.
11. Dispose of all chemical waste properly. Never mix chemicals in sink drains. Sinks are to be used only for water unless otherwise specified. Check with your teacher for disposal of chemicals and solutions.