

Laboratory Contract

Chemistry is a laboratory science which allows students to have hands-on demonstrations and applications of the principles learned in lecture. In order for all students to succeed in this class your cooperation is mandatory.

1. **State Lab Requirements:** All students are required to have 1200 lab minutes in order to sit for the Regents. Documentation of these minutes is in the form of acceptable lab reports. These lab reports are held in the school for 1 year after the Regents and must be produced if documentation is requested by the State. Failure to hand in sufficient lab reports will result in the student being barred from the Regents.
2. **Lab Behavior:** A discipline problem which under ordinary class room conditions might be considered minor can cause serious hazards in a laboratory setting. In the event that behavioral issues arise in the laboratory, the Science Department has the following procedures in place:
 - a. 1st offense: Removal from the lab and grade of zero is given. Parents will be contacted by the teacher.
 - b. 2nd offense: A meeting will be held with the Science Department Coordinator to discuss the situation and appropriate action will be taken.
 - c. 3rd offense: Student will be referred to the Administration in order to determine the future status of the student in the class.
3. **Lab Safety:** In order for all students to participate and learn in a safe environment, lab safety procedures must be followed at all times. These procedures include:
 - a. Follow all instructions from the teacher. Ask questions if you are not sure!
 - b. Only perform the steps that are listed in the specific procedure of your lab handout.
 - c. Protect eyes, face, hands and body when involved in science experiments. This means wearing goggles at all times whenever they are required in the lab area.
 - d. Keep your area clean and clear of unneeded materials (books, bags, chemicals) and wiping up spills.
 - e. Clean up glassware and dispose of chemicals **only** as instructed.
 - f. Use special precautions when using a flame, such as no loose hair or clothing, no reaching across a flame, turning off the gas when not in use.
 - g. Know the location of safety equipment such as the Safety Shower, Eye Wash, Fire blanket and Fire extinguisher.
 - h. Be responsible for my lab partners and help them as needed.

I, _____, have read the above information as well as classroom expectations and rules. I understand I will follow all safety rules at all times or risk being removed from the lab setting. In addition I have discussed this information with my parent/guardian and will follow all directions at all times.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date