**Lab Safety Contract for Middle Schools**

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**Safety Rules for the Science Laboratory**

Your personal safety and that of others working near you depend upon the care with which you observe the rules listed below. Become familiar with these rules and FOLLOW THEM AT ALL TIMES.

1. Always pay attention to your work.

2. Never goof off during lab.

3. Never bring food or drink into the laboratory.

4. Dispose of trash and other waste as indicated by the teacher.

5. Follow directions carefully using only the amount of materials called for--more is NOT always better.

6. Wash your hands thoroughly after each and every laboratory session.

7. Always leave your laboratory station clean and dry.

8. Whenever you are unsure of directions, ask the teacher for help.

9. Whenever you are unsure how to use a piece of equipment, ask the teacher for help.

10. Other than by accident, anything you damage or break will be paid for by you.

11. Know where fire extinguishers and fire blankets are and how to use them.

12. Wear appropriate eye protection when conducting an experiment.

13. Contact lenses can cause an eye hazard so should not be worn during certain lab activities involving chemicals.

14. Appropriate protective aprons or smocks should be worn when conducting experiments.

15. Do not wear long, loose sleeves or a loose laboratory coat in the laboratory.

16. If you have long hair, tie it back while working in the laboratory.

17. Bracelets, dangling jewelry, and ties should be removed before working in the laboratory.

18. Only perform experiments that have been approved by your teacher.

19. Tell your teacher of any accident, no matter how minor it may seem to you.

20. Never put anything in the laboratory into your mouth unless specifically directed by the teacher.

21. Always clear your lab area of extra books, papers, notebooks, etc. before beginning your lab work.

22. Be sure to have clear exit pathways in case of emergencies.

I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have read, understood, and agree to follow the above safety rules and conduct guidelines. I agree to follow any additional verbal or written guidelines provided by my teacher. I also understand that I am responsible for replacing any equipment or materials that I damage except by accident.

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(Student's Signature)

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