

**Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Science Safety Rules and Student Contract**



**PURPOSE**

Science is a hands-on, minds-on laboratory class. Throughout the year, you will be doing many laboratory activities that may require the use of various chemicals or specialized equipment. In SCUCISD, safety in the science classroom is the first priority for students and teachers. To ensure a safe science classroom, a list of rules has been developed and provided to you. Please review the attached rules with your parent/guardian, sign the safety contract, and return it to your teacher. Retain the safety rules for reference. Appropriate rules will be reviewed and discussed before each lab.

1. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times in the science room. Horseplay, practical jokes, and pranks will not be tolerated.
2. Follow all written and verbal instructions carefully. Ask your teacher questions if you do not understand the instructions.
3. Do not touch any equipment, supplies, animals, or other materials in the science room without permission from the teacher.
4. Perform only authorized and approved experiments. Do not conduct any experiments when the teacher is out of the room.
5. Never eat, drink, chew gum, or taste anything in the science room.
6. Wash your hands with soap and water before leaving the science room.
7. Wear safety glasses or goggles when instructed.
8. Keep your work area and the science room neat and clean.
9. Clean all work areas and equipment at the end of the experiment. Return all equipment clean and in working order to the proper storage area.
10. Follow your teacher's instructions to dispose of any waste materials generated in an experiment.
11. Report any accident (fire, spill, breakage, etc.), injury (cut, burn, etc.), or hazardous condition (broken equipment, etc.) to the teacher immediately.
12. Consider all chemicals used in the science room to be dangerous. Do not touch or smell any chemicals unless specifically instructed.

13. Always carry a microscope with both hands. Hold the arm with one hand; place the other hand under the base.

14. Treat all preserved specimens and dissecting supplies with care and respect.
- a. Do not remove preserved specimens from the science room.
  - b. Use scalpels, scissors, and other sharp instruments only as instructed.
  - c. Never cut any material towards you—always cut away from your body.
  - d. Report any cut or scratch from sharp instruments to the teacher immediately.

15. The teacher has sole responsibility for the care and maintenance of classroom animals. Students should not have direct contact with animals.

16. Never open storage cabinets or enter the prep/storage room.

17. Do not remove chemicals, equipment, supplies, or animals from the science room without permission from the teacher.

18. Handle all glassware with care. Never pick up hot or broken glassware with your bare hands.

19. Use extreme caution when using a hot plate.

20. Dress properly—long hair must be tied back, no dangling jewelry, and no loose or baggy clothing. Wear aprons when instructed.

21. Learn where the safety equipment is located and how to use it. Know where the exits are located and what to do in case of an emergency or fire drill.

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Science Safety Contract**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read each of the safety rules and agree to abide by the safety regulations as set forth by the teacher and/or district. I further agree to follow all other written and verbal instructions given in class. I understand that failure to do so will result in non-participation of that particular lab.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

At various times throughout the school year, your child's teacher may be utilizing animals in the classroom for TEKS related instruction.

\_\_\_\_\_ I hereby grant permission for my child to participate in activities involving animals in the classroom.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not grant permission for my child to participate in activities involving animals in the classroom.

I have reviewed the safety rules with my child and will encourage him/her to abide by them.

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Signature of Parent

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Date