

# SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## EARTH SCIENCE LABORATORY AGREEMENT

In order to insure safe classroom conditions and properly maintain equipment, I will:

1. Carefully follow all instructions given by the teacher.
2. **READ** all lab directions thoroughly before starting the experiment. Be sure to know what to do next. Ask for help if I do not understand.
3. Do only the experiments assigned or approved by the teacher.
4. Report **any** unsafe condition, accident, or injury to the teacher immediately.
5. **NEVER EAT, DRINK, CHEW GUM, OR APPLY COSMETICS** in the science classroom. **DO NOT** bring food or beverage into the lab area.
6. **NEVER** leave the laboratory without permission; when permission is given, all materials I am responsible for will be properly stored and/or left in a safe condition.
7. **NEVER ENGAGE IN HORSEPLAY OR PRACTICAL JOKES.** Conduct myself in a responsible manner at all times, maintain quiet behavior, never run, push, or throw objects. Always be prepared to stop quickly.
8. Learn the location of all safety equipment and know their use.
9. Keep glassware away from the edge of the lab table. Inform the teacher **immediately** of any broken glassware. **DO NOT TOUCH** and **NEVER** leave broken glass on tables, chairs, or floor.
10. **NEVER** touch hot objects with your bare hands.
11. Use the equipment only as directed and for their intended purpose.
12. When using hot plates **NEVER** place foreign objects on them. Only use the temperature setting given in the instructions. Confine or securely tie long hair and loose fitting clothing while using hot plates. Keep all loose papers and books away from hot plates when in use. When finished using hot plates, turn off, unplug, and allow them to cool before putting away.

13. Only use heat lamps for the purpose of the experiment. **DO NOT SHINE** the light directly toward another student. When finished using the lamp, turn off immediately, unplug, and allow to cool before putting away. **REMEMBER:** the metal reflector will be extremely hot!
14. Be careful handling electrical equipment. Do not touch electrical equipment with wet hands or use near water. Make sure cords don't hang from lab tables. Disconnect any electrical appliance when not in use.
15. Turn off and unplug any electrical equipment in use at my lab station during a fire drill.
16. **NEVER** place any foreign objects in the electrical outlets.
17. Be responsible for the proper use of all equipment, including the careful use of all sharp objects (glass tubing, drawing compasses, scissors, glass slides, etc.)
18. Keep my work area clean and uncluttered. Store books, backpacks, purses, and other items not used in the laboratory at my desk.
19. When finished working in the laboratory **CLEAN UP** and **RETURN ALL EQUIPMENT** to the proper storage place.

This is to certify that I have read the "Laboratory Safety Agreement" and have been given verbal instructions in the laboratory classroom concerning safety procedures. **I realize that failure to observe these instructions could result in serious injury to myself or others or in my removal from the laboratory situation.** I hereby acknowledge my responsibility towards the care of the equipment used in the laboratory.

In order to avoid damage to equipment and avoid injuries to others, and myself I promise to observe and obey these rules at all times. If I neglect these safety procedures I understand that I may be removed from the Earth Science Laboratory.

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Student's signature

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Date

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Parent's signature

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Date

**No laboratory work will be performed until this agreement is signed by the student and parent and returned to the teacher.**