

# Science Lab Safety Rules Contract

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

Science is a hands-on class. Safety in the classroom is a #1 priority for students, teachers, and parents. To ensure a safe science classroom, a list of rules has been created and provided to you. These guidelines will be discussed in class, but you may want to go over them as a family at home. Please read the lab safety rules, sign below, and return as soon as possible. Students will not be able to do an experiment in class until it is returned. If you have any questions, please email me at [apereira@gvisd.org](mailto:apereira@gvisd.org) or call the school at 817-866-2701 to set up a conference.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Pereira

1. Always wait for the teacher's permission to begin an investigation/experiment.
2. Follow all directions you are given. Ask questions if you do not understand.
3. No horseplay or loud talking. Use your time and equipment wisely.
4. Only perform experiments authorized by the teacher.
5. Do not touch any equipment in the science lab unless instructed to do so.
6. Do not drink, smell, or taste anything in the science lab unless permission is given by the teacher. There are safe ways to smell solutions.
7. Wear the correct safety equipment such as goggles and lab aprons.
8. Keep your work area neat and clean.
9. Remember where the safety equipment is located and how to use it.
10. Dress properly—long hair tied back, no loose clothing or dangling jewelry, and roll sleeves above the elbows.
11. Report all accidents, injuries, and/or spills to the teacher immediately.
12. Clean, rinse, and dry all equipment and work areas. Return all items to the proper place and dispose of all materials correctly.
13. Thoroughly wash hands after everything is put away.
14. Keep hands away from face, eyes, mouth, and body when working with chemicals or preserved specimen.
15. Do not handle chemicals, plants, seeds, etc without a glove if you have a cut or sore on your hand.
16. Handle science tools carefully. Be sure that science equipment is clean and free of chips and cracks. Report any damaged equipment to the teacher.
17. Never assume that anything that has been heated is cool. Hot glass looks just like cool glass.
18. Be patient. Science results take time!

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and agree to follow all of the safety rules set forth in this contract. I realize that I must obey these rules to ensure my own safety, and that of my fellow students and teachers. Failure to comply with these rules will result being removed from the class and/or from doing experiments, sent to the principal's office, and/or receiving a failing grade for the assignment.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date