

Biology Lab Safety Rules and Waiver

1. Approach laboratory work with maturity. Never run, push, or engage in horseplay or practical jokes of any kind in the laboratory. Such behavior will result in loss of lab privileges.
2. Always get your teacher's permission before attempting any laboratory investigation.
3. Be prepared for lab. (READ THE INSTRUCTIONS)
4. If you do not understand the procedures in a lab, **ask the teacher for help.**
5. No food, drink, or gum is ever allowed during lab periods; and no substances used in the lab should ever be tasted unless you are told to taste it as part of the lab
6. Goggles must be worn when chemicals are used in the classroom.
7. Use scalpels and other sharp instruments with extreme care. Always cut an object after placing it on a suitable surface for cutting.
8. Use equipment properly, for its designed use. (Rulers are not swords, catapults, etc...)
9. Long hair and any other long/loose items of clothing or jewelry must be pulled back or removed.
10. Footwear should cover feet completely. **No open-toe shoes.**
11. Wear an apron or lab coat to protect your clothing from staining, burning, or corrosion if instructed by your teacher.
12. If an accident occurs and lab materials break or spill, inform the tutor immediately so that lab materials and/or chemicals can be cleaned up properly.
13. Stay, work and talk to your own group. Don't leave your group and work area unless instructed by the teacher. Do not sit on counters or tables.
14. Clean your work area before leaving! Follow your teacher's directions for washing, unplugging and putting away equipment. Follow your teacher's directions for disposing of lab materials. Wash hands with soap and water after working in the laboratory.

In order to participate in labs, you must agree to follow these rules and have this page signed by a parent. Continually breaking these rules and acting irresponsibly during labs will result in loss of lab privileges. Student will be reminded of rules and if there are still problems, parents will be contacted before the student loses lab privileges. If a student continues to behave irresponsibly after contacting the parents, then they will lose lab privileges for at least one lab.

We understand that following these rules protect both _____ (student) and his/her classmates from injury during experiments. We understand that repeatedly breaking the lab safety rules will result in loss of lab privileges. In addition, we understand the nature of the tutorial program and release Marla Johnson, Cornerstone Tutorial, and Severna Park EP Church from all liability related to the activities of this program.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____