
Capital Innovations Academy

Science Lab Safety Contract

This needs to be signed by your parent(s) and returned to the science teacher, Mrs. Romais, at the first science class before the student can participate in any lab sessions at Capital Innovations Academy.

Student Name _____ **Group** _____

** This contract must be initialed and signed by student and parent. It must be submitted before you can engage in any lab activity.

____ 1. I will conduct myself in an appropriate manner during lab regardless if I am participating via zoom or in person. I will not engage in horseplay, practical jokes or physical contact of any kind during lab (when in person).

____ 2. While in distance learning through zoom, I understand that all the same guidelines that apply for any other class will still apply for labs and other hands-on activities.

____ 3. I will follow all written and verbal instructions. If I do not understand any instruction, I will ask the instructor.

____ 4. I will not engage in any unauthorized experiments. Before starting any experiments, I will wait for the teacher's clear and express instructions.

____ 5. I will follow the appropriate dress code for lab regardless of it being at home or at school. Appropriate dress code include: lab coat/apron/old t-shirt over regular clothes, safety goggles, gloves and closed toe shoes. If your hair gets in the way of your lab performance, you will be asked to tie it back. I understand that refusing to wear the appropriate items will result in a zero for participation on that day.

____ 6. I will not spray or pour any liquid on myself or on any surface. I will also not pretend to be doing any of those things.

____ 7. I will not eat food, chew gum or drink beverages while the lab is in session. If I must eat or drink during the time of the lab, I must be excused by the teacher before I can do so.

____ 8. I will not taste or put any substance in my mouth, and I will not smell or attempt to inhale any substance used in lab or pretend to do any of these.

____ 9. I will not have my computer, phone or any electronic device on me or near the area where I am conducting the experiment. When in distance learning, I will make sure that the computer connected to the class is at a safe distance from the experiment to avoid any accidents or spillage.

_____ 10. I will not be wandering around during lab, nor will I engage in activities that distract from the task at hand.

_____ 11. I will not walk away from an experiment until I am completely finished with it and have been excused by the teacher. If it is an emergency, the teacher must be informed immediately before the student is excused.

_____ 12. I will not interrupt the teacher during instruction, and I will always politely request to speak whenever I have something to contribute to the class.

_____ 13. I will not touch any equipment, chemical or material unless I am instructed to do so.

_____ 14. I will not play with or use any instrument provided in a way that is not appropriate or that is considered dangerous to me, my classmates and teacher.

_____ 15. I understand that focus is very important. Therefore, I will not distract my classmates, my teacher or myself with off topic discussions during a lab.

_____ 16. I will always carry corded instruments such as microscopes, centrifuges and hotplates in the correct way as instructed by the teacher.

_____ 17. I will always carry sharp objects with the point/sharp end facing the floor, and I will walk slowly if I need to carry it from one place to another, as instructed by the teacher.

_____ 18. I will clean up any equipment used during the lab and properly dispose of any residue / trash accordingly.

_____ 19. I will wash my hands thoroughly immediately after cleaning up at the end of the assigned lab activity.

_____ 20. During distance learning, a parent/adult will be supervising me in person as I conduct the experiments assigned. If that is not possible, my teacher will be informed and an alternative assignment will be given.

_____ 21. If an accident occurs, I will report it immediately to my teacher (and the adult in charge – when at home).

_____ 22. I will complete all portions of the lab as required.

_____ 23. I will not leave the room until the entire class is dismissed. The class will not be dismissed until everyone has finished cleaning up. If class is over, and there is still clean up to be done, everyone will be required to stay until the room is cleaned as instructed by the teacher. I understand that failure to help will result in having to stay during lunch or major/elective to complete the task.

_____ 24. I understand that I need to have a lab coat and be wearing proper attire in order to participate in the lab. Failure to comply will result in loss of participation points each time this occurs.

I, _____ (student) have read and agree to follow all of these safety rules in this contract. I understand that If I fail to adhere to any of them, I may be asked to leave the lab without opportunity for make-up. I will cooperate to the fullest extent with my instructor and fellow students to create and maintain a safe lab environment. I am aware that any violation can lead to unsafe lab conditions and can harm others and me.

signature) (date)

I, _____ (parent/guardian) have read this document with my student and understand the importance of a safe lab environment and accept the consequences of failing to comply with this contract. During distance learning, I will do my best to monitor my student in person. When that is not possible, I will make sure the teacher is aware of the situation.

signature) (date)