

# IPC LABORATORY CONTRACT



**Curiosity is the key to scientific investigation.** When people are curious about something, they usually investigate. Scientists also investigate when they are curious. Sometimes their curiosity leads to new discoveries about the world. Sometimes their curiosity leads to an answer that will benefit people in some way.

**The science classroom is a laboratory** in which you will perform scientific experiments. You will use chemicals, equipment and other various materials that can be dangerous if used incorrectly. Everyone who works in a science laboratory must learn the guidelines necessary to make it a safe place.

## GENERAL SAFETY RULES:

1. Perform only those laboratory activities for which you have received **permission**.
2. Know the **location and operation** of the fire extinguisher and eyewash station.
3. **Wear protective eyewear** and a lab apron when performing scientific activities that involve chemicals.
4. Never **carry hot** equipment or dangerous chemicals near other people.
5. Roll long sleeves up above the wrist, and tie **long hair back**.
6. Keep your **hands away** from your face, eyes, and body.
7. **Wash** your hands thoroughly at the end of each lab activity.
8. Do not **look down** into a test tube or point it in the direction of another person.
9. Never place your **nose or mouth** over the container. Test the odor by waving your hand over the container and sniffing.
10. Never **taste or drink** chemicals from a beaker or any other container in the lab.
11. Never pour **unused** chemicals back into their original containers.
12. **Dispose** of all solid and liquid waste as instructed by your teacher.
13. Handle **squeeze bottles and droppers** with care to prevent squirting out.
14. Do not use a **thermometer** as a stirring rod.
15. Use **lab equipment** only for its intended purpose.
16. **Horseplay** has no place in the laboratory.
17. Do not bring **food or drink** into the laboratory.
18. Do not remove any thing from the lab without permission. **It is illegal!**
19. Never **squirt** someone with a squirt bottle. It's not always water.
20. **Report** any personal injury to the teacher immediately any personal injury that occurs in the laboratory.

## SAFETY CONTRACT:

I agree to follow all the laboratory instructions as written and explained to me by my instructor. I understand that any violation resulting in injury or damage to laboratory equipment may result in dismissal from the laboratory and a grade of zero.

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

As parent of the student named above, I understand that he/she must follow safe lab procedures as outlined in the General Safety rules in order to obtain a passing lab grade.

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_