



# Armenian Mesrobian School Science Safety Contract

## PURPOSE

Science is a hands-on laboratory class. However, science activities may have potential hazards. We will use some equipment and animals that may be dangerous if not handled properly. Safety in the science classroom is an important part of the scientific process. To ensure a safe classroom, a list of rules had been developed and is called the Science Safety Contract. These rules must be followed at all times. Additional safety instructions will be given for each activity.

No science student will be allowed to participate in science activities until both the student and a parent/guardian have signed this contract.

## SAFETY RULES

1. Conduct yourself in a responsible manner at all times in the science room. Horseplay, practical jokes, and pranks will not be tolerated.
2. Follow all written and verbal instruction carefully. Ask your teacher questions if you do not understand the instructions.
3. Do not touch any equipment, supplies, animals, or other materials in the science room without permission from the teacher.
4. Perform only authorized and approved experiments. Do not conduct any experiments when the teacher is out of the room.
5. Never eat, drink, chew gum, or taste anything in the science room.
6. Keep hands away from face, eyes, and mouth while using science materials or when working with either chemicals or animals. Wash your hands with soap and water before leaving the science room.
7. Wear safety glasses or goggles when instructed. Never remove safety glasses or goggles during an experiment. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
8. Keep your work area and the science room neat and clean. Bring only your laboratory instruction, worksheets, and writing instruments to the work area.
9. Clean all work areas and equipment at the end of the experiment. Return all equipment clean and in working order to the proper storage area.
10. Follow your teacher's instruction to dispose of any waste materials generated in an experiment.
11. Report any accident (fire, spill, breakage, etc.) injury (cut, burn, etc.), or hazardous condition (broken equipment, etc.) to the teacher immediately.
12. Consider all chemicals used in the science room to be dangerous. Do not touch or smell any chemicals unless specifically instructed to do so.
13. Always carry a microscope with both hands. Hold the arm with one hand; place the other hand under the base.
14. Never open storage cabinets or enter the prep/storage room without permission from the teacher.
15. Do not remove chemicals, equipment, supplies, or animals from the science room without permission from the teacher.
16. Handle all glassware with care. Never pick up hot or broken glassware with your bare hands.
17. Use extreme caution when using matches, a burner, or hot plate. Only light burners when instructed and do not put anything into a flame unless specifically instructed to do so. Do not leave a lit burner unattended.
18. Dress properly – long hair must be tied back, no dangling jewelry, and not loose or baggy clothing. Wear aprons when instructed.
19. Learn where the safety equipment is located and how to use it. Know where the exits are located and what to do in case of an emergency or fire drill.
20. In case of a student's damaging lab equipment, the student is responsible for replacing damaged material.
21. **Important Questions:**
  - a. Does your child wear contact lenses? Y N
  - b. Is your child colorblind? Y N
  - c. Does your child have any allergies? Y N
    - i. If so, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand each of the above safety rules set forth in this contract. I agree to follow them to ensure not only my own safety but also the safety of others in the classroom or laboratory. I also agree to follow the general rules of appropriate behavior for a classroom at all times to avoid accidents and to provide a safe learning environment for everyone. I understand that if I do not follow all the rules and safety precautions, I will not be allowed to participate in science activities.

Mesrobian School strives to create and maintain a safe science classroom/laboratory environment. Please read the list of safety rules. No student will be permitted to perform science activities unless this contract is signed by both the student and parent/guardian and is on file with the teacher. Your signature on this contract indicates that you have read this Science Safety Contract, reviewed it with your child, and are aware of the measures taken to ensure the safety of your child in the science classroom/laboratory.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



**LABORATORY SAFETY RULES**  
**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

(Read carefully before signing)

I have read, understand, and agreed to follow the laboratory safety rules and procedures at Armenian Mesrobian High School. I also agree to abide by any additional instructions, written or verbal, provided by my laboratory instructor or supervisor. The undersigned hereby acknowledges that participation in laboratory activities involves an inherent risk of physical injury and by the execution of this release hereby assumes all such risks. The undersigned further agrees that for the sole consideration of Armenian Mesrobian High School allowing the undersigned to participate in science programs for which or in connection with which the school has made available any equipment, facilities, or personnel for such programs or activities, the undersigned does hereby release and forever discharge Armenian Mesrobian High School, its members officially and individually, and its employees of any and from all claims, demands, rights and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, arising from and by reason of any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen bodily and personal injuries, damages to property, and the consequences thereof, resulting from my participation in or in any way connected with such science programs and/or laboratory activities.

I understand that the acceptance of this release and waiver of liability by Armenian Mesrobian High School shall not constitute nor be construed as a waiver, in whole or in part, of sovereign or official immunity by said school or its employees.

*I certify that I have read and understand this release before signing the same on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.*

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 Student's First and Last Name

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 Signature

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 Grade

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 Parent's First and Last Name

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 Signature