



Somerset-Berkley Regional High School "A Partnership for Excellence"



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Science Department at Somerset Berkley Regional High School is concerned about proper laboratory safety and the work which is performed in the labs. In an effort to make students aware of all of the safety aspects of the various labs, we have designed a student contract and checklist for each science student. Please read the "Safety Rules" and "First Aid" sections on the reverse side of this letter. All students have been asked to sign the "Safety Contract".

Please sign below and return to the science teacher as soon as possible. Should you have any questions about this letter and the checklist, please call me at 508/324-3115 ext 421 at Somerset Berkley Regional High School.

Sincerely,

Matthew K. Talbot

Mr. Matthew Talbot
Science Curriculum Coordinator 9-12

**Please return this
form to Mr. Croft**

NOTE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Your signature is not a legal binder, however, it is very important for the following reasons:

- 1) It gives your student permission to participate in lab activities
- 2) It shows us that you have been informed that we have instructed your student in the appropriate areas of lab safety and that they will follow safety rules.
- 3) It makes you and your student aware that you/they are responsible for lost or broken equipment while it is in their care.

Please take the time to discuss this important topic with your student and have them return it to their science teacher.

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date: _____

High School Address:
270 Grandview Avenue
Somerset, MA 02726
508-324-3115 FAX: 508-324-3118

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580 Whetstone Hill Road
Somerset, MA 02726
508-324-3100 FAX: 508-324-3104

Safety Rules for Science Labs

1. Listen carefully to all directions, read all instructions and follow your teacher's directions before starting any investigation or experiment.
2. Immediately report all accidents regardless of how minor to your teacher.
3. Work in the lab only when the teacher is present or when you have permission to do so.
4. Never indulge in horseplay or behavior that could lead to injury of others.
5. Before beginning work in lab, clean the lab bench top and your glassware.
6. Use goggles and lab aprons when instructed to do so.
7. Due to the dangers of broken glass and corrosive liquid spills in the lab, open sandals or bare feet are not permitted in the lab.
8. Learn the location and proper usage of the eyewash fountain, fire extinguisher, safety shower, fire alarm box, office intercom button, evacuation routes, clean-up brush and dust pan, glass/chemical disposal can.
9. For minor skin burns, immediately plunge the burned area into cold water and notify the teacher.
10. If you get any chemical in your eye, immediately wash the eye with the eye-wash fountain and notify the teacher.
11. Never look directly into a test tube. View the contents from the side.
12. Never smell a material in a test tube or flask directly. Instead, with your hand, "fan" some of the fumes to your nose carefully.
13. Immediately notify the teacher of any chemical spill and clean up the spill as directed.
14. Never take chemical stock bottles to the lab benches.
15. Use equipment only as directed.
16. Never taste any material in the lab
17. Food, drink and gum are prohibited in lab.
18. Never add water to concentrated acid solutions. The heat generated may cause spattering. Instead, as you stir, add the acid slowly to water.
19. Read the label on chemical bottles at least twice before using the chemical. Many chemicals have names that are easily confused.
20. Return all lab materials and equipment to their proper places after use and upon completion of work, wash and dry all equipment, your lab bench and your clean-up area.

I have read and understand the safety rules and first aid information listed above. I recognize and pledge to observe all safety rules in the science laboratory at all times. I understand that I am responsible for lost or damaged equipment while it is in my care.

Student's Printed Name _____ Date: _____

Student's Signature _____ Date: _____

Note: Please return this form to Mr. Croft at the next class meeting.