

PORTAGE MIDDLE SCHOOLS SCIENCE LABORATORY SAFETY RULES AND AGREEMENT

The following list of rules is posted in the classroom and is periodically reviewed with the student. These rules apply while students are working in all labs. It is very important that every student knows and understands each rule to avoid injury to themselves and others. Violation of any of these rules may result in disciplinary action.

1. No students are permitted in the labs or chemical storage areas without teacher supervision.
2. No horseplay, running, pushing or loud talking are permitted in the lab.
3. No food, drinks, or gum are permitted in the lab unless permission is given by the teacher.
4. Long hair must be secured in such a way that it will not come in contact with lab materials or open flame.
5. Safety goggles and aprons are to be worn as directed by the teacher.
6. Contact lenses are strongly discouraged in some labs and, at times, will not be allowed.
7. DO ONLY THE EXPERIMENTS ASSIGNED OR APPROVED BY YOUR TEACHER FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, AND THE SAFETY OF THOSE AROUND YOU, UNAUTHORIZED EXPERIMENTS ARE PROHIBITED.
8. FOLLOW ALL WRITTEN AND VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS AS DIRECTED BY THE TEACHER.
9. Use proper care and caution when using all laboratory materials and equipment.
10. Proper handling, care and procedures must be followed when working with living plant and animal specimens.
11. NO SUBSTANCE SHOULD BE TOUCHED, TASTED, OR EATEN WITHOUT TEACHER PERMISSION.
12. Never leave an experiment unattended or burners burning unnecessarily, and stay in your assigned lab area.
13. All materials are to be returned to their proper place or disposed of as the teacher indicates before leaving the lab.
14. NO material, equipment or substances may leave the lab without the teacher's written permission.
15. Report any breakage, spillage or fire to the teacher immediately. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CLEAN IT UP WITHOUT TEACHER ASSISTANCE.
16. Report all injuries or accidents, no matter how minor, to the teacher.
17. Negligence or purposeful destruction of school materials may result in restitution (financial payback).

I have read the above safety rules for the science lab. My teacher has discussed each rule with the class, and I understand my responsibility to follow them.

Teacher/Hour	Date	Student First and Last Name (print)
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I have discussed the importance of following the above safety rules with my child.

Cell/home phone number	Date	Parent/Guardian Name/Signature
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