

# OLS Science Class/Lab Safety Contract

## {Grades 5 - 8}

### I agree to:

1. Follow all written and oral instructions.
2. Carefully read and study the procedure to be followed, and ask questions if I do not understand what to do.
3. Wait to begin experiments until permission has been given and perform only the experiment authorized.
4. Remain at my assigned station, share supplies, take turns among members of my group, and do my fair share of work.
5. Come prepared for class, participate in discussions, and properly maintain my binder.
6. Speak with Mrs. Myers as soon as possible the day I return after missing class.
7. Follow all lab safety rules, including but not limited to:
  - a. Stand during all lab work, push my stool under the table, and keep the floor space clear! (Standing avoids having spills in laps.)
  - b. Properly wear safety goggles, gloves, and apron as needed.
  - c. Keep long hair tied back.
  - d. Never taste, touch, or smell any chemical substance without permission.
  - e. Immediately alert the teacher if any chemical is spilled. Clean spills following the teacher's directions.
  - f. Follow directions for cleaning equipment and disposing of materials.
  - g. Keep baking soda at the lab station when a hot plate is used. (In case of a small fire.)
  - h. Never leave a hot plate unattended if it is on.
  - i. Never reach over a hot plate/heat source.
  - j. Be careful when picking up/carrying hot equipment - use gloves or potholders.
  - k. Place all equipment in the center of the table. (Prevents it from falling on the floor.)
  - l. Tape the cord of a hot plate to the table. (Prevents it from falling on the floor.)
  - m. Take responsibility for broken equipment. (Broken glass goes in the "broken glass bucket".)
  - n. Replace broken or damaged equipment, as directed by the school. (A notification of cost will be given to the student.)
  - o. Hold test tubes and flasks tilted away from myself and others.
  - p. Smell substances by the wafting method.
  - q. Never remove materials from the lab without permission.

- r. Pour acid into water - never water into acid. (Receiving liquid splashes upward.)
  - s. Never handle electrical equipment with wet/damp hands. (Water and electricity do not mix.)
  - t. Keep your work area dry, including the table and floor. (Tables and floors are slick when wet.)
  - u. Never wear long sleeves during lab work. (Long sleeves are more likely to catch fire.)
  - v. Follow the teacher's directions in all emergency situations.
  - w. Wash and rinse all equipment at the conclusion of the lab. (Leave it in good condition.)
  - x. After cleaning the table, wash hands using soap and water.
8. Preserved biological specimens will be handled with care. Gloves and aprons are available for students, but are not required. (Specimens used meet/exceed government safe handling requirements.)

*Our Lady School strives to maintain high standards of student safety and personal responsibility. No student will be allowed to endanger others! Students who engage in irresponsible behavior the first time will be removed from class immediately, receive a "0" for that experiment, and parents will be notified. Repeat violations will result in automatic suspension from labs and a lab grade of "F" for that quarter. Parents and students are expected to read and sign this contract and abide by its provisions.*

**I have read and understand the Safety Contract. I recognize my responsibility and agree to abide by the above Science Class and Safety Rules for my own safety and for the safety of others.**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Date**

**I have read and understand the Safety Contract. I recognize my responsibility and agree to support the enforcement of the rules for the safety of my child and the safety of others.**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Date**

**RETURN SIGNED CONTRACT TO SCHOOL**

**This form will be kept on file, a copy will be placed in the student's binder.**