



# Science Lab Safety Contract

If your student has not returned a completely signed and initialed lab safety contract by the time we start our first lab activity, they will be given alternative bookwork until it has been turned in.

Science is a hands-on laboratory class. Students will be doing many laboratory activities that may require the use of chemicals, laboratory equipment, power tools, and other items which if use incorrectly, can be hazardous. Safety in the classroom is the number 1 priority for students, teachers and parents. To ensure a safe science classroom, a list of rules has been provided for you in this Science Safety Contract. These rules must be followed at all times. **Students will not be allowed to conduct labs until their contract is signed by the student and a parent or legal guardian.** To ensure a safe learning environment, all students will be instructed in science classroom safety, and the student must have a signed contract on file at school. When necessary, safety considerations will be included on students handouts and they will also be given orally at the start of each activity

Please initial each safety rule and sign at the bottom.

- \_\_\_\_\_ I will act responsible at all times in the classroom.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will follow all instructions, written and verbal, about lab procedures given.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will not touch any equipment or supplies until instructed to do so.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will perform only those activities that have been authorized by the teacher.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will clean up and return all materials to the proper place.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will wear my safety goggles when we are working with glassware, chemicals, or heat and when I am instructed to do so.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will immediately notify the teacher of any emergency, injury or accident.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will secure long hair, baggy clothes and jewelry while doing lab activities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will never eat, drink or chew gum in the lab unless instructed to do so.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will always monitor my experiments, never wander around the classroom or distract other students.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that all chemicals in the lab are to be considered dangerous
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will avoid handling chemicals with my fingers & will never taste chemicals.

**VERY IMPORTANT!** Please list any food or environmental allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**VERY IMPORTANT!** Do you wear contacts? Circle one YES or NO

I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand and agree to follow all of the safety rules in this contract. I am aware that any violation of this safety contract will result in being removed from the lab activity or other appropriate measures to maintain safety. Misbehavior during lab activities will not be tolerated and may result in a referral to the dean's office.

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

Dear Parent or Guardian,

**No student will be permitted to perform laboratory activities unless this contract is signed by both the student and parent or guardian. Your signature on this contract indicates that you have read this science safety contract, are aware of the measures taken to insure the safety of your child in the science laboratory and will instruct your child to uphold his or her agreement to follow these rules and procedures in the lab.**

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Textbook: Investigating Systems in Physical Science, BSCS, 2003. Price to replace textbook: \$53.99

## I. Course Scope and Goals: SCIENCE 8 – 3770

### Course Scope:

This one-year course is designed to integrate science and engineering practices, crosscutting concepts, and core ideas from life sciences, Earth and space sciences, and the physical sciences. The topics covered in Science 8 include Forces and Interactions; Energy; Waves and Electromagnetic Radiation; Space System; Growth, Development, and Reproduction of Organisms; Natural Selection and Adaptations; and Engineering Design. Demonstrations and lab experiences that employ proper safety techniques are essential to this course. Instructional practices incorporate integration of diversity awareness including appreciation of all cultures and their important contributions to society. The appropriate use of technology is an integral part of this course. This course fulfills the eighth-grade science requirement.

### Course Goals:

1. To use graphical analysis and modeling to explain the potential and kinetic energy of objects within a system. [MS-PS3-1, MS-PS3-2]
2. To conduct experiments investigating Newton's Laws of Motion and apply the design cycle to a problem demonstrating the relationship between force and motion. [MS-PS2-1, MS-PS2-2, MS-ETS1-1, MS-ETS1-2, MS-ETS1-3, MS-ETS1-4]
3. To examine the factors that affect electrical and magnetic forces between interacting objects. [MS-PS2-3, MS-PS2-5]
4. To explain how gravity influences interactions between objects of differing masses on Earth and in space. [MS-ESS1-2, MS-PS2-4]
5. To investigate the properties of objects in the solar system and analyze the cyclical patterns of the Earth-sun-moon system. [MS-ESS1-1, MS-ESS1-3]
6. To describe the properties of waves and explain how waves are used as an effective means to transmit information. [MS-PS4-1, MS-PS4-2, MS-PS4-3]
7. To model the effects of genetic mutations on organisms and analyze how technology has influenced the process of artificial selection. [MS-LS3-1, MS-LS4-5]
8. To infer evolutionary relationships of organisms based on evidence in the fossil record and by comparing anatomical structures and embryological development. [MS-LS4-1, MS-LS4-2, MS-LS4-3]
9. To use probability and proportional reasoning to explain how genetic variations, environmental factors, and natural selection cause populations to change over time. [MS-LS4-4, MS-LS4-6]

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## II. Course content and time schedule (sequential)

Unit 1: Forces and Interactions (10 weeks)

Unit 2: Gravity and Space (4 weeks)

Unit 3: Waves and Information Transfer (5 weeks)

Unit 4: Heredity (6 weeks)

Unit 5: Natural Selection and Adaptation (8 weeks)

### III. Evaluation

- a. Grading Policy: Nevada State Standards will be used to distribute grades and marks
  - i. Accelerated 80% Assessment (Major): Exams, Labs and Projects, and Quizzes
  - ii. Accelerated 20% Practice (Minor): Homework, Practice and Lab Prep/In Class
  - iii. Regular 75% Assessment (Major): Exams, Labs and Projects and Quizzes
  - iv. Regular 25% Practice (Minor): Homework, Practice and Lab Prep/In Class
- b. Semester exams will be worth 20% of the SEMESTER grade
  - i. Semester exams will not be administered early. Students who are absent may make-up their exams on the district approved make-up day.
- c. Explanation of student grades
  - i. A 100– 90%
  - ii. B 89 – 80%
  - iii. C 79 – 70%
  - iv. D 69 – 60%
  - v. F 59 and below
- d. How and when students will be advised of their grades
  - i. Parents and students are urged to check the Infinite Campus Portal for grades regularly.
- e. Citizenship/behavior Expectations
  - i. Citizenship grades are reflective of student behavior in class and updated daily in the grade book. The number of violations a student makes during a quarter determines their quarterly citizenship grade. Possible violations include, but are not limited to, chewing gum, eating in class, possession of nuisance items, disruptive classroom behavior, coming to class unprepared or being off task during class, misuse of classroom equipment, unauthorized device time.

Citizenship	Criteria
Outstanding	Meets all criteria for a satisfactory level performance. Contributes willingly and effectively relevant information during class discussions. Shows leadership and works well with peers. Always has a positive attitude toward teacher, substitute teacher, and peers.
Satisfactory	Consistently follows class rules. Is on task most of the time. Comes prepared to class most of the time.
Needs Improvement	Needs constant redirection. Disruptive behavior Is disrespectful toward teacher, substitute teacher, and peers Excessive tardies and absences.
Unsatisfactory	Has been notified of “needs improvement” status and shows no improvement.

- f. Late Work policy –
  - i. Absent students are responsible for getting work within 3 days upon return and completing it by the date agreed upon by teacher and student.
  - ii. All work for the week is due on Friday. Students have until 9:00 pm Sunday to turn in work to Canvas before the assignment is locked.
- g. Test retake policy – **A student may only retake a test if 1) all assignments have been turned in 2) the student has asked for help, clarification, or exhibited evidence of further studying and a further mastery of the subject matter.**

- h. Getting your work-
  - i. The crate in the front of the room will hold all assignments in date order. Students will use the calendar above the crate to access the work they are missing. Students should also check Canvas daily for assignments and class instruction.

#### **IV. School-Wide Rules**

- a. Follow directions quickly.
- b. Raise your hand for permission to speak.
- c. Raise your hand for permission to leave your seat
- d. Make SMART Choices: Kindness, Leadership, Courage, Invincible Grit, Creativity
- e. Work hard to do your best for your teachers and parents at all times.
- f. ◆ Keep your eyes on the target. ◆

#### **V. TARDY POLICY – Progressive Steps**

- a. 1st Tardy – Warning & Parent Phone Contact
- b. 2nd Tardy – Warning & Parent Phone Contact
- c. 3rd Tardy – Non-TRS RPC
- d. 4th Tardy – After School Detention
- e. 5th Tardy – In-House Suspension (IHS)
- f. 6<sup>th</sup> Tardy – Required Parent Conference – RPC/Tardy Contract
- g. 7<sup>th</sup> Tardy – IHS/parent and student meet with the principal

#### **VI. BEHAVIOR- Progressive Discipline**

- a. 1st Incident – Verbal warning
- b. 2nd Incident - Parent contact by teacher
- c. 3rd Incident – Written contact to parent
- d. 4th Incident-Teacher detention
- e. 5th Incident – Counselor referral
- f. 6th Incident – Deans' referral

#### **VII. Supplies needed for this course**

- a. Writing Utensil: blue or black pen, pencil
- b. Lined paper
- c. Composition Book
- d. Recommended: Colored Pencils, Binder pencil pouch, handheld pencil sharpener
- e. Headphones

**VIII. Utilizing technology to learn** – At Leavitt, we want to encourage the daily use of technology in and out of the classroom to further enhance the educational experience. As such, Leavitt will be providing students with individual devices in all grades to utilize in class and at home. Students will also be provided with a Google email address to correspond with their teacher and classmates on projects, as well as to turn in assignments. Students may choose to utilize their own electronic tablets (iPads, Kindle Fire, Samsung, etc.) cell phones, laptops, and reading devices for educational purposes. Please be reminded that your student is responsible for the safety of their personal device and must utilize the district's Wifi to ensure their internet safety. All use of these devices will be for educational purposes and must be approved by the individual teacher.

## **Classroom Behavior**

1. You are expected to conduct yourself in a polite and respectful manner at all times. Students are expected to be in their seats and ready to begin work at the sound of the last tardy bell.
2. The bell at the end of class is a signal that tells me I may release the class. The bell is not a signal that you may leave the room. After the bell has rung and the class is quiet and sitting in their assigned seats, I will dismiss you to go to your next class.
3. I will assign seats. Seat assignments will be changed at least once per quarter. Students are expected to sit in their assigned seats unless given permission to move.
4. I understand that it is necessary to sharpen pencils or go to the restroom. However, there is an appropriate time for everything. You may sharpen pencils or ask to go to the restroom after I am done lecturing or giving directions.
5. There are times where we are performing laboratory exercises outside. When going outside, it is expected that you will not talk or make noise in the hallways. You will not wave to students in other classrooms. Failure to abide by this policy may result in your being given a zero on the assignment and/or referral.
6. Gum, food and drink are prohibited at all times in the classroom.
7. Substitutes are an occasional necessity. They are a precious commodity and should be treated with respect and courtesy.
8. Students should bring their iPad charged everyday to use in class, My classroom is a cell phone free zone.

## **Teacher's hours of availability and contact information:**

By appointment from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. or 3:21 p.m. to 3:40 p.m, and Tuesday after school 3:21-4:21 . Please e-mail if you have any concerns at [jensejk@nv.ccsd.net](mailto:jensejk@nv.ccsd.net)