

# SCIENCE SAFETY CONTRACT

## Shaker High School

The science classroom is an active, hands-on area. We will be doing many activities that require the use of sensitive equipment. Safety is the priority in our classroom. To ensure a safe learning environment, all students will be instructed in science classroom safety, and the student/parent/guardian contract will be signed and filed at school. When necessary, safety considerations will be included on student handouts and given orally at the start of each activity.

### SAFETY PLEDGE

- § I will act responsibly at all times in the classroom. **I understand that horseplay, jokes, and pranks are not appropriate in a science classroom and may result in my removal from the classroom and/or further disciplinary consequences.**
- § I will listen carefully to and follow all instructions, written and verbal, about the laboratory procedures given by the teacher.
- § I will not touch any equipment or supplies located in the classroom until instructed to do so by the teacher.
- § I will perform only those activities that have been authorized by the teacher. I will never do anything that is not called for by the procedure. **I understand that unauthorized experiments are forbidden and may result in my removal from the classroom and/or further disciplinary consequences.**
- § I will keep my table and the area around it clean and neat.
- § I will wear eye protection whenever we are working with chemicals, heat, or objects that may damage eyes. **I understand there is no exception to this rule.**
- § I will tie back long hair, wear close-toed shoes, and not wear baggy clothes or dangling jewelry while doing any laboratory activity.
- § I will not take equipment or specimens out of the classroom without permission from the teacher.
- § I will never eat, drink or chew gum in the classroom unless instructed to do so by the teacher. I will not use classroom equipment as containers for food or drink.
- § **I will immediately notify the teacher of any emergency.**

I understand and agree to follow all of the safety rules in this contract. I understand that I must obey these rules to make sure that my fellow students, my teacher, and I work and learn in a safe environment. I will also closely follow the oral and written instructions provided by the instructor. I am aware that any violation of this safety contract that results in unsafe conduct or misbehavior on my part may result in my removal from the classroom or other appropriate measure to maintain safety.

**Your signature on this contract indicates that you have read this Safety Contract, in addition to the lab policy on the reverse of this sheet, are aware of the measures taken to insure safety in the science laboratory, and will uphold these rules and procedures in the laboratory.**

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**Student Signature**

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**Date**

My child has explained these rules and procedures to me and we have discussed the importance of following these rules and procedures as well as the consequences if they are not followed.

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**

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**Date**

# **UNIFIED BIOLOGY LABORATORY PROGRAM**

## **Shaker High School**

### **Science in Our Lives (SIOL) Program Lab Information:**

The New York State Education Department requires successful completion of the laboratory program for Regents level science courses. Laboratory exercises representing a minimum of 1200 minutes over the course of the entire Unified Biology program must be completed. Completion requires the submission of an acceptable laboratory report as specified by each teacher.

**All laboratory reports MUST be submitted to meet the requirement. Students missing any laboratories by the end of the fourth quarter in any year will not meet this requirement and therefore are not eligible to take the final examination in that year or the Regents Examination in Unified Biology 2.**

**Therefore, failure to meet the laboratory requirement in any year of Unified Biology will result in course failure for that year.**

**In addition, laboratories must be complete each year in order to become eligible for summer school for that year.**

### **Biology Lab Grading:**

The laboratory program makes up 20% of the biology course grade.

Late laboratories will be subject to a grade penalty as specified by the Unified Biology teacher.

### **Lab Make-Up:**

Laboratory experiments and report completion will take place during regular class time. Students absent for any portion of the lab or its completion must schedule a time with the teacher after school in order to make up the missing portion. If the missed experiment is not made up within three (3) weeks, arrangements must still be made for make-up with the teacher, however a grade of zero (0) will result for that laboratory.