Lab Safety Agreement

To be able to participate in any lab, the student must first be familiar with and adhere to each of the following safety guidelines:

1. Work in lab only when the teacher is present. Labs will not be performed if the teacher is absent from school.

2. Wear the protective splash-guard goggles and apron provided by the school when directed.

3. Secure long hair so that it does not dangle down below shoulder length.

4. Wear shoes that completely cover the foot and toes and have non-slip soles. Sandals are not recommended!

5. Wearing contact lenses is not advised while working in the lab. Chemicals can get trapped between the contact lens and the eye.

6. Do not mix chemicals together unless instructed to do so by the teacher.

7. Follow all lab directions both written and verbal.

8. “Horseplay” is forbidden at all times. This includes squirting of water bottles.

9. Report any potentially unsafe condition or situation to the teacher immediately.

10. Report any injury, chemical spill or chemical splash, or breaking of equipment to the teacher immediately.

11. Keep your lab equipment, drawer and lab station neat, clean and organized. This includes cleaning up your lab station and drying the adjacent counter areas at the end of the lab.

12. Dispose of used chemicals and materials as instructed by the teacher.

13. Never look directly down into a test tube, beaker, or other container of chemicals. View the reaction through the sides of the glassware.

14. Never take any chemicals or equipment from the lab or classroom.

15. Double-ring all beakers and containers used in setting up a hot water bath.

16. Do not sit on the lab benches.

17. Never touch or taste any chemicals we use in the lab. Do not eat food or drink beverages in the lab area.

18. Wash your hands with soap and water thoroughly before leaving the lab area at the conclusion of each lab activity.

19. Act maturely and take responsibility for your actions.

20. Identify the location of and understand the function of the following pieces of safety equipment found in the classroom / lab area:

*fire extinguishers shower eyewash fire blanket*

# Failure to follow any one or more of these guidelines will result in removal of the student from the lab area. IF REMOVED FROM THE LAB, THE STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A GRADE OF ZERO FOR THAT PARTICULAR LAB. Repeated incidents will be reported to school administration as a discipline problem and are grounds for permanent removal of the student from all laboratory activities.