

First Colony Middle School Science Department Class and Laboratory Safety Rules

In order to minimize risk and prevent hazards in science classes, the following Science Department regulations and consequences have been established. These regulations are to ensure that all students may work in a safe environment while in science class at FCMS. To participate in laboratory procedures, science students must agree to follow safety rules and obtain parental permission as verified on the Student Safety Contract. The regulations are to be kept in the student's science notebook and the Student Safety Contracts will be kept on file at school. Any questions regarding the regulations should be directed to the student's science teacher.

Regulations

1. Only perform activities that are authorized by your teacher.
2. Do not handle equipment or supplies until instructed by the teacher.
3. Know the location of the fire extinguisher, fire blanket, telephone, eye wash station, and the nurse.
4. Report any accident, injury, equipment damage, or incorrect procedure to the teacher immediately.
5. Handle chemicals only under the supervision of your teacher.
6. Use all protective equipment provided by your teacher.
7. Never eat, taste, drink, or inhale substances during an investigation.
8. Place all broken glass and chemicals in designated disposal containers.
9. Never participate in jokes, pranks, and/or horseplay.
10. Wash your hands after handling chemicals, plants, cultures, and animals. Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose, and mouth.
11. Keep combustible materials away from flames.
12. Clean your work area and assigned equipment. Turn off all electrical equipment and return it to the proper place.
13. Never remove laboratory materials or equipment from the classroom.
14. Study the assignment and understand all procedures.

Failure to comply with these safety rules may result in the following consequences:

- Immediate removal from the activity
- Loss of procedure points for the activity
- Disciplinary documentation
- Parent contact
- Referral to grade level principal
- Payment for any damage to equipment