

Lab Safety Rules and Procedures

- Always follow the instructions of the teacher. Never perform any activity that is not assigned or authorized by Mrs. Schank. Obtain permission before “experimenting” on your own. Never handle any equipment until told to do so or unless you have specific permission.
- Carefully follow all written and oral directions. If you are in doubt about any part of the experiment, ask Mrs. Schank for assistance. *Remember this: “When in doubt, let Mrs. Schank check it out.”*
- Never taste, touch, smell, or open any container unless specifically directed by Mrs. Schank.
- Safety goggles are to be worn whenever work is done with chemicals, fire, glassware, or any substance that might get into your eyes. *Normal eyeglasses cannot be substituted for safety goggles.*
- Keep work areas clean and tidy. Bring only notebooks to the lab. All other items such as purses and backpacks are not allowed in the lab. *This is a State Law!*
- Playing around or acting silly will not be tolerated.
- Always report any accident or injury to Mrs. Schank, no matter how minor.
- Learn what to do in case of specific accidents, such as getting chemicals in your eyes or on your skin. Know the location of the eyewash.

- Be aware of the location of the first-aid kit, but do not use it unless instructed. All first aid will be administered by Mrs. Schank.
- Know the location of the emergency call button.
- Never mix chemicals “for the fun of it”. Dangerous fumes, explosions, or fires can occur.
- Never joke about explosions or fires or make joking remarks about drinking or eating chemicals. It is not funny and is to be taken seriously.
- Dispose of all chemicals as instructed by Mrs. Schank.
- Take extreme care not to spill substances in the laboratory. Clean any spills immediately and then thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water.
- Never use broken glassware. If glassware is broken, notify Mrs. Schank. Do not pick up broken glass with your hands. Use a broom and dust pan.
- When working with chemicals, always wash your hands after every experiment.
- Know the meaning of alerts when seen on lab data sheets.