

LAB SAFETY RULES EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1. Preparation for lab is essential. Read and follow closely any and all instructions prior to beginning work.
2. Appropriate eye safety goggles will be worn at all times in all lab situations where there is a risk of eye damage. This includes but is not limited to the use of glass, flame, chemicals, projectiles or any other situation where there is possibility of eye damage.
3. In lab situations where flames are used, hair will be tied back and all loose clothing will be properly secured. Flame retardant aprons will be worn.
4. Lab aprons will be worn when using any chemicals, flames or glass.
5. Gas jets will only be used when instructed by the teacher.
6. When using electrical equipment, they shall be turned off while plugging the equipment in with one hand (the other hand will be placed behind your back). Equipment can only be turned on after the teacher checks the circuit and gives her/his approval.
7. Dissecting equipment should only be used in the manner prescribed by the teacher. All dissecting equipment is dangerous unless properly used.
8. Chemical waste and broken glass must be placed in the container marked for them. Do not use the wastepaper basket for disposal of such.
9. No objects are to be jammed into a gas jet or electrical receptor.
10. Sinks are to be kept clean and clear of debris.
11. There is no tasting or sniffing of the chemicals. Only chemicals indicated by the teacher can be 'wafted' in the way demonstrated by the teacher
12. Only the equipment, materials and/or chemicals indicated by the teacher will be used.
13. The equipment, materials and/or chemicals will only be used in the ways designated by the teacher as outlined in the lab procedure.
14. Notify the teacher of any and all allergies and medical conditions.
15. No food or drink is allowed in a science lab room.
16. Running, shoving or any inappropriate behavior is not allowed.
17. All spills and accidents are to be reported to the teacher immediately. Do not attempt to clean any spilled chemicals or broken equipment. The teacher will give all necessary instructions pertaining to such cleanup.
18. Prior to leaving the lab, the workspace will be cleaned and all equipment returned.

Failure to follow any of the rules indicated above will result in removal from the lab situation. In such cases students will be given a grade of zero for the lab AND will be referred for appropriate disciplinary action AND will be fined the cost of replacement of any damaged equipment and materials.

Student Signature/Date

Parent/Guardian Signature/Date