**MEALY MOUNTAIN COLLEGIATE**

**STUDENT SAFETY CONTRACT**

 **2012-13**

**CHEMISTRY 2202 □ CHEMISTRY 3202 □ SCIENCE 1206 □**

**Environmental Science □**

I received instructions in the proper safety procedures to be carried out in doing science activities. I have read the handout containing the laboratory safety rules and have viewed the appropriate safety video. I am aware that my safety and the safety of my classmates depends upon my behaviour in doing these activities. I also understand that breaking any of these rules can result in a deduction of marks for the course, or removal from doing the course.

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Do you wear contact lenses? \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

Do you have a medical condition that can be affected by exposure to chemical substances? \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_\_\_NO

**REGULATIONS DEALING WITH LABORATORY WORK**

*Belief Statements:*

1. A science lab is as safe as the people who use it.
2. Students have to accept responsibility for their behaviour while in the laboratory. Behaviour that might be considered minor infractions of school rules in other areas of the school can have very serious consequences in the science lab.

*Procedure:*

1. Students will receive instructions on laboratory safety at the beginning of the school year. This instruction will consist of reviewing a list of school safety rules, viewing a lab safety video and a lab orientation session.
2. Students will be asked to sign a lab safety contract stating that they have received instructions on laboratory safety and agree to obey the lab safety rules. Students will also identify if the wear contact lenses and/or have a medical condition that may be aggravated by exposure to certain chemicals.
3. A list of safety rules will be posted in the lab.
4. A student whose behaviour creates a potential problem will be warned and the incident recorded. The student will be sent to the office if the problem persists during the same period. A letter of concern will be sent home. If the behaviour continues in subsequent lab visits, a consultation process involving the teacher, principal and the parents of the student will determine if and when the student can return to the lab.
5. Students whose behaviour represents a serious infraction of the safety rules will be removed from the lab. A consultation process involving the teacher, principal and the parents of the student will determine if and when the student can return to the lab.

A serious infraction could include (but is not limited to the following):

1. Tampering with lab safety equipment.
2. Performing unauthorized experiments.
3. Stealing materials or equipment from the lab.
4. Students removed from a lab or block of labs will lose credit for that section of the course.
5. Breakage of equipment will be recorded. If the breakage is the result of inappropriate behaviour, then the student(s) involved will be held responsible for the replacement cost of the equipment.