



Whitney High Fine Arts Course Safety Contract & Rules of Conduct

This art course offers a variety of artistic exercises using state of the art art-making equipment and technology.

Various teaching techniques and materials will be employed which promote student interest and enhance understanding and appreciation of the art-making process. Safety instruction will be given and safe practices will be stressed in all course activities.

The safety contract and rules for behavior are not designed to make you fearful of taking this class. If instructions are followed and care is taken, the likelihood of an accident will be greatly reduced. Lab classes are usually the most fun-filled part of any educational experience. With just a few precautions, and use of common sense, we will have a great year.

1. Class begins when the bell rings. You should be in your assigned seat awaiting roll call, stamping, and instruction. Students who are not in their assigned seat when the tardy bell rings will receive a tardy.
2. Carefully follow all directions, both oral and written. If you are in doubt about any procedure, ask your teacher for help.
3. **Do not** engage in horseplay such as tickling, throwing objects, squirting water, etc. Some of the most serious accidents have resulted because of this type of behavior. Horseplay could result in dismissal from class, and may prohibit you from participating in future lab activities.
4. Be aware of potential hazards when you are in the lab. Kilns regularly exceed 1500°F. Pay particular attention to the space around the glass kilns, and **DO NOT** touch them at any time.
5. Do not touch fused glass projects. They may be cooling, and in-so-doing, they may be very hot. Cool glass looks just the same as hot glass.
6. Extreme caution should be used when using a heat gun. Keep your head, face, hair, and clothing away from the gun and turn off the heat gun it is not in use. The heat guns look like hair dryers, but they are not. **NEVER** point a heat gun at anyone in the room, at your face, or at any part of your body.
7. If you cut yourself, wash the injury with soap and water. If you receive a burn by touching a hot object, run cool water over the affected area. Notify the teacher immediately. Note the location of the fire extinguisher in the lab.
8. Everyone should be alert at all times, and proceed with caution as they move about the lab. You are to remain in your assigned seat unless you are actively engaged in using equipment that requires you to be out of your seat.
9. Wear aprons when you are painting in order to avoid ruining your clothes. You may also bring an oversized shirt from home to wear while painting.

10. Do not touch equipment or handle tools with which you are unfamiliar. Breakage costs for equipment broken due to misuse will be charged to the student(s) responsible for the broken item(s) at the current replacement cost.
11. Work areas and desks should be clean and tidy at all times. In order to assure that the lab is left clean for incoming students, everyone must be in their assigned seat when the passing bell rings. This will allow the teacher to see that the lab is clean. **It is the teacher, not the bell,** that dismisses students.
12. Many tools, materials, and equipment in the lab are shared. In order to prevent illness, wash your hands before & after class.
13. Food and drink are prohibited in the lab at all times.
14. **Talking is not permitted,** unless relative to your work.

STUDENT SAFETY CONTRACT

I, _____, a student at Whitney High School, have thoroughly read the Fine Arts Safety and Conduct Rules and do hereby agree to follow all rules and procedures given therein. I will conduct myself in a safe and conscientious manner in the lab. I will not perform any unauthorized procedures. I understand that misbehavior in the lab or failure to follow safety procedures could cause a serious accident. I further understand that a violation of these rules could result in my not being allowed to participate in future activities.

Student Signature _____

Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTRACT

I, _____, parent (or guardian) of _____, have read the Arts Safety and Conduct Rules. I understand the importance of safety in the Arts Safety and Conduct Rules laboratory, and I will encourage my son or daughter to abide by the laboratory safety rules and procedures. I give my permission for my child to participate in this program.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent's Email: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Date: _____