Microscope Procedures Contract

* EVERYTHING on a microscope is unbelievably expensive, so be careful.
* Remain calm at all times when the microscopes are in use. If you become agitated, ask to take five immediately.
* Leave the microscope on the table unless instructed to move it.
* If instructed to move the microscope, hold a microscope firmly by the stand, only. One hand on the arm and one hand on the bottom of base.
* Focus smoothly, take you time focusing it slowly. While looking through the eyepiece and using the course-focus adjustment, slowly move the lens away/toward the slide until the image is clear
* Keep your fingers from touching the lenses. Your body produces an oil that smudges the glass. This oil will etch the glass.
* Only use the given lens wipes to clean the microscope. TISSUES AND PAPER TOWELS HAVE FIBERS THAT CAN SCRATCH THE LENSES.
* If the light is needed to operate the microscope, use the light only as directed without shining in others’ eyes. Keep the flashlight secure to the microscope to prevent it from falling and breaking.
* Remove the cord from the socket by holding the plug, NOT by pulling on the cord.
* Replace the dust cover and return the microscope to the designated area using both hands. You should have one hand gripping the arm and the other under the base.

Myself and a parent/guardian have read and fully understand these rules and I will abide by them at all times. I will follow all written and verbal instructions given by the teacher. I will ask questions if I do not understand the directions or procedures while using the microscope**. I understand that if my behaviors result in a microscope being damaged, I am responsible for replacing it and that the price of a new microscope is approximately $160.** At the teachers’ discretion, damaging lab equipment can result in me being removed from class during science activities and will have to complete an alternative assignment.

Students Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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