



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's science teacher has scheduled a class visit to the Life Sciences Learning Center (LSLC) at the University of Rochester. The LSLC is a unique hands-on science education laboratory for middle and high school students and teachers. All LSLC laboratory activities are age and grade appropriate and are in alignment with New York State Science Education Standards.

Safety Guidelines

We ask that visiting students be responsible, safe, and courteous towards colleagues, instructors, and staff. Please review the following guidelines with your child prior to their class visit.

1. No food or beverages (including chewing gum) are allowed in the lab.
2. Students must keep all cell phones, pagers, CD players, etc. turned off and stowed in their bags during laboratory sessions.
3. Lab coats and safety glasses will be provided by LSLC and must be worn by all students and teachers performing experiments.
4. LSLC equipment and reagents must be used only as directed.
5. Report spills and breakage immediately to LSLC staff.
6. Running and roughhousing are prohibited in the laboratory as well as in corridors and elevators.
7. Students may not enter into other parts of the building unless accompanied by a LSLC staff member.
8. In the event of a fire alarm, exit the lab immediately in an orderly fashion. A staff member will lead students to the designated safety area.

Risk and Liability

While every effort has been made to provide LSLC visitors with a safe science laboratory experience, we are unable to anticipate every situation that could arise. The Life Sciences Learning Center, its staff, and the University of Rochester assume no liability with respect to accidents or injuries that occur during laboratory teaching sessions. In consideration for allowing my child to participate in the University of Rochester field trip, I understand that participating in any activity involves a risk of injury or other harm. All such risks are being assumed knowingly and voluntarily, including but not limited to those associated with travel to and from the program, and I will not hold the University, its employees and agents responsible for any injury or other harm that results from program participation.

Permission to Photograph and Videotape

To assist with the promotion and documentation of the Life Sciences Learning Center program we occasionally photograph and/or videotape students during the program activities. We request your permission to use these photographs and/or videotapes in our program materials, including brochures, written materials, information for other education outreach programs, and our website. Life Sciences Learning Center materials, including the web site, will not have your son/daughter's name or other personal information included with their pictures.

I agree to indemnify the Life Sciences Learning Center, its staff, and the University of Rochester against any claims with respect to accidents or injuries that occur during Life Sciences Learning Center laboratory sessions.

I give permission for photographs and/or videotapes of my son/daughter _____ to be used by the Life Sciences Learning Center.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date ____/____/____

I agree to be responsible and courteous during my participation in all Life Sciences Learning Center activities, and to follow the safety guidelines outlined above.

Student Signature: _____ Date ____/____/____