

The SciTech Student Learning Laboratory (“SciTech”) is a bioscience learning laboratory for teachers and students at the Center for STEM Excellence at Towson University (“TU”). The undersigned, on behalf of myself, if I am a participating adult, and/or the minor child listed below if he or she is participating (“Participant”), give permission for Participant to visit SciTech and to take part in the activities of SciTech and TU, and to handle and use sensitive scientific equipment, computers, materials and chemicals in association with said activities, and hereby agree as follows:

1. Voluntary Participation. Participant’s participation is completely voluntary. Participant is not required to participate.
2. Requirement to Follow Rules. Participant will abide by and follow all applicable laws, regulations, policies, guidelines, rules and standards of conduct of SciTech and TU, as well as all directions and instructions of SciTech and TU personnel. TU reserves the right to limit or terminate Participant’s participation if, in the sole and absolute discretion TU or SciTech personnel, Participant’s actions or conduct do not conform to the foregoing, or otherwise are dangerous, destructive or disruptive.
3. Risk. I fully understand and acknowledge that: (a) risks and dangers exist in my child’s use of laboratory equipment and my child’s participation in SciTech activities which may result in injury, illness, death or damage to personal property caused by other participants, by accidents, or by the forces of nature of other causes, (b) risks and dangers may arise from foreseeable or unforeseeable causes and I hereby accept and assume these risks and dangers for myself and on behalf of my child participating in such activities, and hereby waive, release, and forever discharge TU, the University System of Maryland, the State of Maryland, and their directors, officers, agents, servants, contractors, and employees (collectively, the “Released Parties”) from and against any and all claims, costs, liabilities, expenses, or judgments, including attorneys’ fees and court costs (collectively, “Claims”) arising out of participation in SciTech, or any illness or injury resulting therefrom and hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any and all such Claims by third parties arising out of my activities during such participation.
4. Photos, Images, Participant Work. TU and SciTech have the right to take photos and record audio/video images of Participant, to use them, and to reveal or use Participant’s name in connection with them, for educational and/or promotional purposes. Any right to exhibit them (including Towson University’s web site) is released irrevocably to TU, and any right, claim or interest that the undersigned and/or Participant may have to control the use of Participant’s identity or likeness in them, including libel or invasion of privacy is waived irrevocably. Any educational and/or promotional use of same may be made without compensation or consideration to the undersigned and/or Participant. TU has the right to use examples of Participant work (no student names will be associated with Participant work) as part of educational workshops and publications.

If any portion of this agreement is held invalid, the balance of this agreement, notwithstanding, continues in full force and effect.

*I have read the above and by signing it agree it is my intention to grant permissions for my child to participate in SciTech activities and to assume all risks associated therewith on my behalf and on behalf of my child.*

_____ Name of Participant	_____ Participant’s Age
_____ Name of Parent/Guardian	_____ Emergency Contact Phone (For Participant)
_____ Signature of Adult Participant - <b>OR</b> - Parent/Guardian Having Care/Custody of Participating Minor	_____ Date
_____ School/Organization	