

Student's Name: _____ **Program:** _____ **School Year:** _____

Steel Center for Career & Technical Education Safety and the Mandatory Steel Center Safety Pledge

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Safety is an important part of career and technical training. It is also an expectation for most employers and post-secondary educational institutions. All Steel Center students are required to use equipment, tools, and technologies associated with their programs both appropriately and safely. Intensive instruction on comprehensive safety will be provided by instructors to all students.

ALL-SCHOOL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS – During the initial weeks of 1st quarter marking period of each school year or upon new enrollment at any point in the school year, before a student may access labs/shops and use equipment, tools, and technologies, he/she must:

1. Sign the Steel Center Safety Pledge, regardless of whether or not one agrees with it—no exceptions.
2. Demonstrate adequate safety competencies with a “B” or greater and be approved by instructors, before they can fully access labs/shops to work on skills tasks—no exceptions.
3. Pass with a “C” or greater the Student/Family Handbook Test, before they can access labs/shops to work on skills tasks—no exceptions.
4. Submit a complete and accurate “Emergency Procedure Form.”

Administrators, instructors, and instructional aides may withhold lab/shop access and privileges from students they deem unsafe to themselves and others. Instructors and instructional aides are required per the administration to document, report, and process all unsafe behaviors/conduct that occur in labs/shops in accordance with the *Code of Student Conduct*. Unsafe behavior/conduct is considered a disciplinary infraction.

STEEL CENTER SAFETY PLEDGE

All students are bound by the Steel Center Safety Pledge, which is as follows:

- I will not access labs/shops and use equipment, tools, and technologies without first obtaining permission from my instructor.
- I will not access labs/shops and use equipment, tools, and technologies without first (and each year) having been instructed on the topic and demonstrating adequate safety competencies by passing with a “B” or greater all school-required and program-specific safety assessments.
- I will not access labs/shops and use equipment, tools, and technologies without first (and each year) passing with a “C” or greater the Steel Center Handbook Test.
- I will not access labs/shops and use equipment, tools, and technologies without first (and each year) submitting a complete and accurate “Emergency Procedure Form.”
- I will report all injuries, however minor, to the appropriate authority figures at Steel Center.
- I will model, demonstrate, and obey all school, program-specific, and industry-specific safety regulations.
- I will model, demonstrate, and obey all state and federal safety mandates and guidelines (i.e., OSHA regulations).
- I will model, demonstrate, and obey all safety regulations while being transported to and from Steel Center and while participating in all school-related functions.
- I will model, demonstrate, and obey all safety regulations while driving my vehicle to and from Steel Center and while operating any vehicles on campus and in program areas.
- I will model, demonstrate, and obey all policies and regulations governing Steel Center, inclusive of the *Code of Student Conduct*.

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Required Signatures:

As parent or guardian, I have read the above information and I understand the type of career and technical program that my student is enrolled in. I will stress the importance of following all safety regulations and working safely in the classroom and shop to my child.

Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____
(Print)

As a student enrolled at Steel Center, I agree to observe the safety pledge written above and to follow all safety rules and procedures for the school and career program I am enrolled in. When and if required, I will wear approved eye protection in accordance with state law.

Student: _____ Date: _____
(Signature)