



**Art Studio Safety/ Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class Period:** \_\_\_\_\_

Creating art may involve working with hazardous or dangerous materials. This overview summarizes what may be used in the art studio and how to avoid injury. Safety is always key. We want to have a safe studio and avoid any injury to students. Safety goggles are available for student use in every studio.

**In every situation**, focus on the task at hand and avoid distractions to prevent accidents. It is critical to keep in mind the working environment and the people who are near you. By being aware, working cautiously, and using safety procedures, accidents can be prevented.

**Wire Clippers**

- *for cutting wire and thin metal shafts.*
  - **Wear safety glasses.** Materials could become airborne.
  - Clamp work securely. Securely clamping one or both ends of the material being cut with a pair of pliers or clamp reduces the chance of a piece becoming airborne. Orient the tool so that any loose piece is aimed at the floor.

**Sharp Objects: Utility or Exacto Knives/Needle Tools/Gouges**

- *for cutting cardboard, foam, balsa wood, working with clay, linoleum, etc.*
  - **Wear safety glasses.** A blade could break and fly upwards.
  - Cut away from yourself. Do not direct the tool toward any part of the body or other hand, as a simple slip can cause a minor or major cut.
  - Avoid leaving exposed tools on table surfaces. Use a cutting tool with a retractable blade if possible.

**Hot Glue Gun**

- *for quickly fastening different materials together with a reasonably strong bond.*
  - Skin contact.
    - o Hot glue guns can cause minor burns if the gun nozzle or hot glue touches the skin.
    - o Hot adhesive will burn and blister skin tissue upon contact. Do not let the glue touch the skin until it is cooled.
    - o If hot adhesive or glue gun come in contact with skin, immediately immerse the affected area in ice water.
  - Glue gun placement
    - o During use, keep the gun in a position where it will have no contact with objects that could easily catch fire.
    - o Place the gun on its support stand with the nozzle facing down. Keep a material such as cardboard below it to catch glue that drips down from the tip. The gun should never be placed on its side as the hot tip or glue can cause a fire.

**Tool Management**

- Store tools safely.
- Follow all directives regarding equipment check-out/check-in procedures.
- Do not leave electrical tools plugged in and unattended. Unplug electrical tools when not in use for a long period of time to prevent a fire from occurring.

Failure to follow these safety rules may result in one or more of the following consequences: campus discipline, ISS, OSS, not allowed to work on art projects, or an alternative project such as an art history term paper, etc. In extreme cases, the student may be removed from the art studio.

**Plano ISD Visual Arts Department is not responsible for injuries that occur.**

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Please sign below acknowledging that you have gone over the syllabus and safety rules and guidelines with your child. Your child will not be allowed to work with certain tools until this is signed and returned.

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_