As a student at Valencia Elementary, I, ________________________________, understand that making safe choices at school is my responsibility. I agree to follow the rules below and to report unsafe behavior to an adult at school.

- I will **WALK** in the hallways or in the courtyard by the cafeteria.
- I will keep my hands, feet, and objects to myself.
- I will eat my snack at the wooden picnic tables or inside the red box around the sea life mural.
- I understand that toys, electronic games, and cell phones are not allowed out of my backpack during school hours, as they can lead to distracted behavior and can be the cause of negative issues between students.

- **I will use the playground safely;**
  - I will not sit or stand on top of any part of any play structure **including** the monkey bars. I will not stand on the parallel bars.
  - I will not jump off **any part of any play structure** except where clearly allowed.
  - I will use all of our playground equipment safely.
  - I will use the slide on my bottom and will not climb up the slide. I will not put wood chips on the slide.
  - I will only play tag on the **grass area**.
  - I will walk around the volleyball net, not run under it. I will also not hang on the net.
  - I will not pull on or climb on the soccer goals/nets.
  - I will not **kick any balls on the blacktop. I understand that kicking balls is only allowed on the field.**
  - I will use the basketball hoops correctly. No shooting from one hoop to another or trying to hit one basketball with another. The 3-point line is the furthest point that I am allowed to shoot from.
  - I will use the swings in a safe manner. I will not push other students on the swing. No jumping from swings; I will give up my swing after someone waiting has counted to 20. I will wait for my turn on the edge of the concrete line so that I am not kicked by students on the swings. I understand that the bigger, full-backed swings are for students with special needs.
  - I will use the handball walls safely. I understand that only soft balls are to be used on the handball wall. No racquetball or other “super” or hard balls may be used on the handball wall. I know that I am not allowed to kick balls while playing on the handball wall.
  - **If playing touch football, I understand that no tackling is allowed.** My football will be confiscated if this rule is not followed.
  - I will **FREEZE** **WHEN THE BELL RINGS AND WILL WALK** TO MY LINE **WHEN THE WHISTLE BLOWS.**

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I understand that I must be inside the boundaries of the playground and the school at all times.

- I will be in sight of an adult with an orange vest during recess.
- I will not be in the courtyard by the office during recess.
- I will not enter the bushes surrounding the playground.
- I will not be in the hallways during recess.
- I will only use the bathrooms near the bus line-up area during recess.
- I will use the bathroom responsibly and not delay my return to class or recess.

- I will wait only in the supervised pick up areas after school (car line/bus line). I understand that I cannot wait on the playground if my parent is not at my classroom or sea life mural to meet me when the dismissal bell rings.

**School Dress Guidelines for Valencia:** Appropriate dress supports school safety and good behavior:

**Shoes:**
- Tennis shoes or sturdy, form-fitting shoes should be worn every day to ensure safety at recess and during P.E. times.
- No backless or high-heeled shoes are permitted including flip flops.
- No shoes with wheels.

**Shirts:**
- Halter, thin strapped (spaghetti), and tube (no straps) tops are not permitted.

**General:**
- Tops and bottoms should overlap at all times.
- Hats may only be worn during outside recess, P.E. **No hats inside school buildings.**
- Extremely brief shorts or skirts are not appropriate for school.
- Any item of clothing that may cause a distraction to the educational process or is deemed inappropriate or unsafe may be confiscated.

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I have read and discussed these safety rules with my teacher and my parents. I understand that breaking these rules will result in losing recess privileges.

Student signature: _________________________________________________________

My family has read and agreed to the safety rules.

Parent/Guardian signature: __________________________________________________