

2016 Science Fair Official Rules

1. Entry forms must be submitted by **Wednesday, February 21st**.
2. Students must construct all projects. Teachers, parents, friends or technically trained professionals may give information or advice, but the student must do his or her own work.
3. All participants will be awarded ribbons. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of each grade will be awarded trophies.
4. The student's name, grade and class must be displayed legibly on the BACK of the project.
5. The size of the exhibit is limited. It should not exceed **48 inches wide by 36 inches tall by 18 inches deep**. This includes the size of the display board and the experiment materials. We will sell Science Fair display boards before/after school in February (see dates on entry form) – the boards for sale will be 48 inches wide by 36 inches tall by 12 inches deep. Any color board is acceptable but we will sell white boards.
6. The student must furnish all equipment and other necessary materials. Science Fair committee members are not responsible for lost or stolen materials.
7. The exhibit must be self-contained and any posters/boards must be self-supporting (science fair boards for sale will be tri-fold and should stand on their own).
8. Electrical outlets will not be available at the school.
9. Identical repetition of a previous year's work by the same student is not permitted.

10. All hazardous experiments are prohibited. Examples of hazardous experiments include displays of toxic, caustic, explosive (including rocket parts and propellants), flammable or pathogenic substances. Displays should not include live animals, human blood, or bodily fluids, live disease-causing organisms, microbial cultures, fungi, syringes, pipettes, flames, dangerous chemicals, or class I or class II or class III lasers. The Science Fair committee may refuse any exhibit it considers unsafe or hazardous.
11. Each Science Fair exhibitor is responsible for bringing his or her own exhibit to school on **Wednesday, March 8th**. **The student shall not disembark from the carpool lane with their project**, as that would present a safety hazard. Please park and escort your student and their project to school and to his or her classroom.
12. Science Fair projects will be judged and awards presented to the top three entries in each grade level. Judges will be looking for projects that express genuine student interest and work. Ideas should be presented in a clear and neat manner. **Grades 3 and 4 are expected to follow the scientific method** (described in “Science Fair Hints” link).
13. Students may work in a team of up to three people, but teams will not be eligible to participate in the judging and grade level awards.
14. Exhibits **MUST** be picked up and removed from the gym immediately following Open House (**by 7:15pm, Thursday, March 8th**).