

Project Selection and Approval

Projects will be approved by the classroom teacher or the school Science Fair Committee. Projects without prior approval, projects inconsistent with the prior approved proposal, or projects that have been substantially changed from what was previously approved will only be displayed at the principal's discretion.

In the category of behavioral and social sciences:

- All survey questions must have prior approval of the classroom teacher or school Science Fair Committee and must be administered by the student;
- All survey questions must be approved prior to administering them to students;
- Students must notify interviewees of the purpose for the study;
- Students must conduct the surveys;
- There can be no deceptive use of the results; and
- Prior permission must be obtained from parents to survey minors.

Failure to meet these criteria will be grounds for exclusion from the school Science Fair.

Elementary Safety Display Guidelines

1. Anything which could be hazardous to the public, the exhibitor, or other exhibitors is **PROHIBITED**.
2. Nothing sharp or pointed.
3. Organisms: **No organisms** may be displayed, No vertebrates, invertebrate, fungi, bacteria, or plants. For example:
 - Vertebrates- No owl pellets
 - No mice, live or dead
 - No skeletons
 - No fish, live or dead
 - Microbial cultures- No fungi, live or dead
 - No bread molds, bacteria, viruses, viroids, prions, rickettsia, live or dead
 - No parasites, human or other, live or dead
 - No insects, live or dead
4. Chemicals: No chemicals may be displayed. For example:
 - No acids, dilute or strong
 - No bases, dilute or strong
 - No salt solutions
 - No insecticides
 - No repellents
 - No mercury
 - No medicines, vitamins, over-the-counter drugs
5. Flammable substances: No flammable substances may be displayed.
 - No gases
 - No solid rocket fuel
 - No flammable liquids
 - No fumes

An alternative solution to displaying the above items: Take photographs of the substances that were used or use a digital camera and create large pictures with a computer printer for display on your board. No identifiable humans or their parts may be displayed in photos. All projects will be inspected for adherence to Science Fair Safety Guidelines by the classroom teacher or the school Science Fair Committee.