



# Austin Energy Regional Science Festival

## ELEMENTARY DIVISION

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. WE ARE A HOME SCHOOL. CAN WE PARTICIPATE?**  
Home schools are allowed to participate. In order to be a home school, students can not be enrolled in a public, private, or charter school. A student participating in virtual learning through their school is not classified as being home schooled. Please email [sciencefest@austinenergy.com](mailto:sciencefest@austinenergy.com) for more details.
- 2. MY SCHOOL DOES NOT HAVE A SCIENCE FAIR. CAN I STILL PARTICIPATE IN THE REGIONAL COMPETITION?**  
Yes. Please email [sciencefest@austinenergy.com](mailto:sciencefest@austinenergy.com) for details.
- 3. HOW DO I PAY FOR REGISTRATION?**  
Please download your invoice from your school's registration page.
- 4. WILL THE COMPETITION BE IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL?**  
For 2021, the Austin Energy Regional Science Festival will be virtual (on-line).
- 5. WILL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS BE INTERVIEWED ON-LINE?**  
No. Virtual presentations will be judged on-line without the students present.
- 6. WHAT DO STUDENTS NEED FOR THEIR VIRTUAL PRESENTATION?**  
The Elementary Division Project Board Template has all the instructions for creating the virtual presentation. <http://www.sciencefest.org/images/pdfs/ElemProjectTemplate.pptx> The virtual presentation will include a project board and reflection questions.
- 7. HOW DO STUDENTS SUBMIT THEIR VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS?**  
Students save their virtual presentations in PDF format and email or share them with their teacher.
- 8. HOW WILL PROJECTS GET JUDGED?**  
Judges will review the virtual presentations using a rubric. Judges will assign each project a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon. <http://www.sciencefest.org/images/pdfs/ElemJudgCrit.pdf>
- 9. WILL THERE BE AN AWARDS CEREMONY?**  
No. Awards will be posted at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at [www.sciencefest.org](http://www.sciencefest.org).
- 10. HOW WILL STUDENTS GET THEIR AWARDS?**  
A representative for each school will need to sign up for a time slot to pick up the awards the week of March 1-5, 2021. Then teachers will need to distribute the awards to students.