



Austin Energy Regional Science Festival

ELEMENTARY DISPLAY AND SAFETY PARENT INFORMATION FORM

I. DISQUALIFIED PROJECTS

No Elementary Division student project can involve:

- Firearms, explosives or discharge air pressure canister devices (i.e. potato guns)
- **Growing bacteria or mold of any type**
- Causing pain, suffering, sickness or death of an animal
- Breaking Local/State/Federal Law
- Production of ANY amount of consumable alcohol
- Any activity or substance that presents a danger to the student, other people or the environment, including hazardous chemicals or radioactive materials

II. PROJECT BOARD GUIDELINES

All student projects must follow the guidelines listed to be allowed to display in the festival exhibit hall.

Items Not Allowed:

- **No organisms; living, dead or preserved** (no plants or animals)
- **No water or chemicals, crystals, liquids**
- No human/animal parts or body fluids (for example, blood, urine)
- **No human or animal food**
- No poisons, drugs, controlled or hazardous substances
- No sharp items (for example: syringes, needles, pipettes, knives, tacks, nails)
- No pressurized tanks or containers
- **No glass** or glass objects unless part of a commercial product (eg: a computer screen)
- No batteries with open top cells (so that battery acid can be seen)
- **No dirt, soil, gravel, rocks, sand, waste products** , etc.
- No project, device, activity, or substance deemed hazardous to student health or safety
- No photographs or pictures of animals or people in surgical techniques, dissections or necropsies

Discouraged Items

- **Items for demonstrations are discouraged.** This is not a demonstration fair. Judges want to hear what the student learned. Photographs of the project will suffice.
- Expensive, breakable or fragile items

Allowed Items

- Photographs, drawings, stuffed animals/artificial plants or imitation (play) food should be used to depict the prohibited or discouraged items.
- Students should take photographs of project steps as a visual explanation of their effort. Students must ask permission before photographing other individuals for the display board.
- **Be sure to properly credit/list all sources of graphics and photographers on the display board (“Photograph taken by ...”).**
- Students may use a computer and printer for written parts of the project.

Display Board

- Project display should be on a sturdy tri-fold board available at local craft and office supply stores. Written material, drawings and pictures should be securely attached to the display board.
- Projects will be displayed on tables that are 36 inches high. **Size of display area may not exceed the following measurements: 15” deep, 48” wide, and 72” high.** Due to space limitations, displays that exceed these measurements cannot be accepted. **Electricity for your display will not be available but you can use household batteries with your project.**