

**Stanislaus County Office of Education  
K – 8 Science Fair 2018  
Question / Answer**

**Registration Deadline is May 4, 2018**

**1. What are the guidelines for the science fair?**

All participants are encouraged to connect their projects to the California Science Standards. Science fair projects may be entered by **individual** students, or by **small groups of students**, not to exceed 6 students per group. In **grades K-3, an entire class** may submit a science fair project. The science fair is intended to showcase student work, and teachers and parents are asked to encourage their students to complete the science fair project on their own. There is no cost to enter the SCOE Science Fair.

**2. How should the projects be displayed?**

All entries must use a tri-fold board not to exceed 4 feet side to side, 3 feet top to bottom, and 3 feet front to back. **Projects must have the student name, grade, school, and teacher name on the BACK of the project only.** The organization of the display board must contain the following information: **Title, Problem, Hypothesis, Materials, Procedure, Data Collection, Summary, and Conclusions.** Realia may be included in the science fair project. Student faces should not be visible in pictures as well as names or other student identification information on the front of the project.

**3. What other components are required with the science fair project?**

All science fair projects must be accompanied by **student journals**. The journals will provide the judges with evidence of the ongoing, daily entries of student observation with a date for each entry. These journals are not a formal report, but document the scientific process that accompanies the science fair project.

**Student Journals:**

- Need to be handwritten by the students
- Not typed or computer generated
- Be accessible, separate and not attached to the display board
- **Must have all student identification covered**
- For students in grades K-3, journals are considered age appropriate and may include pictures, but must be legible and readable.

**4. What is the role of the school?**

**The sponsoring school agrees to hold a preliminary Science Fair of its design at the school site** to select the best projects to submit to the SCOE Science Fair. The back of the Science Fair project must include school, teacher's name and grade. The number of projects that may be submitted to the SCOE Science Fair are as follows:

- School enrollment: 1 – 499 students = 10 student projects
- School enrollment 500 – 749 students = 15 student projects
- School enrollment over 750 = 20 student projects
- School enrollment over 1000 = 25 projects

**We require that all student projects be registered online by school personnel ONLY.**

**5. What is the role of the teacher?**

Teachers are responsible for compliance of the projects with all stated guidelines, and for ensuring that the student's project has already participated in a school site science fair prior to submitting to the SCOE Science Fair.

**6. When and where will the 2018 Science Fair be held?**

The county event will be held **May 14-18, 2018** at the Martin Petersen Event Center, located at 720 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Modesto, across the street from the Stanislaus County Office of Education.

**Monday, May 14, science fair projects may be brought in between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** On Tuesday, May 15, the science fair projects will be judged. The projects will be available to the public for viewing the following dates and times: Wednesday, May 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 17, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Blue Ribbon Ceremony will take place on Thursday evening, May 17, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and will honor those students who receive the Blue Ribbon award. On Friday, May 18, projects must be picked up between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. as well as 2:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. *Any project not picked up by the end of the day Friday will be discarded.*

**7. What are the other restrictions of the SCOE Science Fair?**

Any project in which a human is the subject **MUST** submit a research plan form and get approval from SCOE before April 2, 2018. Any project that does not receive prior approval of SCOE will be disqualified from participation. **The exhibition of human parts is prohibited except** for: teeth, nails, histological sections, and liquid slides. Projects involving live vertebrate animals must have a research plan signed by a local veterinarian, by April 2, 2018 and approved by SCOE. Uses of all controlled substances banned from K-12 school sites are prohibited. (Alcohol, tobacco, drugs, firearms, and over the counter drugs including aspirin, vitamins, etc.)

**8. How can I get more information about the SCOE Science Fair?**

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You can also reference SCOE's website at

<http://www.stancoe.org/scoe/iss/science/science-fair>

Stanislaus County Office of Education reserves the right to accept or deny projects based on compliance of all SCOE Science Fair guidelines.