

CULLMAN COUNTY SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT RULES

- There will be three divisions: 4th and 5th grades, 6th, 7th and 8th grades, and 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades. Projects can be entered in one of the following **five** categories: (1) Biological, (2) Physical, (3) Earth and Space or (4) Math and Technology or (5) Team Category for 6^{th grade} –8^{th grade} only. Each team project may only have two members.
- Only projects completed during the present school year may be entered. An abstract **is required** and must be turned in with the registration form. Written material concerning your research and relevant information **is required**. Remember, no name on research paper or the front of the project. This includes the school name. Pictures must not show exhibitor's face.
- No food, either for human or animal consumption, or liquids may be displayed, except in a sealed container. (Lid should be glued or taped so that it cannot be removed.) Substitutes may be used (example: plastic fruit).
- No animals of any type or pathogenic organisms of any type (i.e. bacteria growth, fungus, mold, etc.) may be exhibited. Photographs are acceptable.
- Students must construct all exhibits. The students may have assistance in the construction of a booth and in the use of power tools such as saws, drills, etc. The safety of the student must be taken into account.
- The exhibitor must supply all tools and equipment. Only house current will be provided for use in exhibits. Student **must** provide extension cords.
- Highly combustible solids, liquids or gasses are prohibited. Inert substitutes must be used if such materials are required for display. Tanks, which have contained combustible gases, are prohibited. Open flames or highly flammable display materials are not allowed.
- Materials and construction must be durable. All movable parts must be firmly attached. Instructions for operation of experiment may be displayed. Be sure that it is kept in operating condition for the duration of the fair.
- Any project exceeding these dimensions is oversize and does not qualify for entrance. Size of entries:
 - (1) Depth - 2 ½ feet
 - (2) Width - 4 feet
 - (3) Height -9 feet from floor to top.

- Protection of entries:
 - (1) All equipment and materials exhibited during the Cullman County Science Fair are entered at the risk of the exhibitor. Neither the Cullman County Science Fair Committee nor the cooperating group assume any responsibility for loss or damage to such equipment and materials.
 - (2) Normal wear and tear on exhibits is to be expected during the time that the fair is open to the public. For this reason, each exhibitor is advised to protect his/her exhibit as completely as possible. Valuable instruments should be securely fastened.

- Judging Criteria
 - Scientific Thought – 30%
 - Creative Ability – 20%
 - Thoroughness – 20%
 - Skill – 10%
 - Clarity – 10%
 - Dramatic Value – 10%

**ANY VIOLATION OF WRITTEN RULES WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.
PROJECT WILL NOT BE DISPLAYED OR JUDGED.**