

2024 Reference Guide for AHSG Science Fair Judges

Thank you so much for helping us with judging!

General Guidelines

The main focus of the science fair is to help the kids to LEARN and ENJOY science. For your judging, please keep in mind the ages of the students, and judge according to their level.

If you have any specific questions regarding the project requirements, you can consult with the science fair leaders, or view the science fair guidebook (online or a reference copy in the judges' room).

Process

You will be given several projects to judge. Each student will be judged by three different judges, and the results tallied after all judging is completed. You will have 2 hours to complete all judging. Try to take about the same amount of time with each student if possible. After you complete your judging, please return the completed sheets to the judges' room and be available to discuss potential special awards. Snacks will be available in the judges' room.

Awards

Each student is judged individually on how well they meet the project guidelines. They are awarded Gold, Silver, or Bronze depending on their ability. Information on scoring is on the judging sheet.

In addition, we will give out several "excellence" awards for students whose projects, knowledge, or science skills impress the judges. If a student's work really stands out, be sure to note that for later discussion with your fellow judges.

Judging Form Notes

The students will be given the completed sheets after judging. Please add notes to help them improve next year. Specific things that impressed you, or things that you found to be problems, should be noted so that the students have specific goals to improve upon for next year.

Please leave plenty of comments, ESPECIALLY if you were unable to give them at least a 3. Anything less than a 3 should definitely have comments on how they can improve next year. Use the back of the sheet if needed.

Judging Form Guidelines

You will be provided with a judging sheet for each student. Circle the appropriate score for each item.

- Our grading scale is from 0pts to 5 pts. There will be some variation, and use your best judgment, but the basic idea is this:
- 0 ("Absent") - that the student did not include or attempt the item at all.
- 1 ("Poor") - the student attempted the item, but did not fully complete it (missing some part of the requirement) or just overall did a poor job. Hopefully you will not see many of these!
- 2 ("Fair") - the student did an okay job but is missing some smaller part to have fully completed it, or didn't quite make the mark in some way.
- 3 ("Good") - the student met all requirements and overall did a good job. Solid work but nothing special.
- 4 ("Very Good") - the student met all requirements and did a VERY good job, but there might still be something specific that is lacking to make this an excellent project. (Indicate what this is on your notes.)
- 5 ("Excellent") indicates that the student went beyond the requirements, and/or you were very impressed with how the student did.

Again, with each score, please keep in mind the student's age. If in doubt, feel free to choose the higher of the two options. **And once again, THANK YOU!!!!**