



Safety and Project Display Rules

It is essential for teachers to inform students and parents of these safety rules.

The North Dallas Regional Elementary Science Fair strongly discourages experimentation involving toxic, caustic, explosive (including rocket propellants), flammable or pathogenic substances and experimentation using dangerous equipment unless supervised by a knowledgeable professional. Teachers are encouraged to assist students in seeking such professionals when needed. All projects involving vertebrate animals, human subjects, lasers, controlled substances, tissues, pathogenic agents, recombinant DNA, gasohol must be approved by the DISTRICT Science Coordinator BEFORE the project begins.

ANYTHING THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS AS A PUBLIC DISPLAY IS PROHIBITED. For display purposes, students should use photographs or drawings in place of actual objects. It is essential that the classroom teacher discuss with each student the safety precautions to be observed.

The rules for display include, but are not limited to, the following items:

1. All displays must be self-supporting, single-sided and must NOT exceed the size requirements: 30 inches deep, 32 inches wide, and 108 inches high (from floor to the top of the exhibit).
2. Personal information including names (student, teacher, school, and test or survey subjects), accomplishments, acknowledgements, addresses, and phone numbers may not be displayed.
3. Photographs may not show the student's face or other faces. Photographs should not show dissections or animal parts, trauma or injuries. Animals may not be harmed during experimentation.
4. No food "stuffs" sealed or unsealed (candy, gum, popcorn, etc.) may be displayed.
5. No living plants or plant materials, which are in their raw, unprocessed, unmanufactured or natural state such as leaves, seeds/nuts, bark, stems, or roots may be displayed.
6. No live animals (vertebrate or invertebrate) or animal tissues (including eggs or egg shells) may be displayed.
7. No preserved animals or their parts may be displayed. Preserved invertebrates insects or seashells are acceptable in sealed containers.
8. No human parts, blood or other body fluids (except teeth or hair) may be displayed. Teeth and hair must be in sealed containers.
9. Experimentation with microbial cultures, mold, or fungi (disease or non-disease causing) is not allowed.
10. No soil (sand, clay, rock, etc.) or waste product may be displayed.
11. No liquids (including water) may be displayed in sealed or unsealed containers.
12. No laboratory / household chemicals (including detergents) may be displayed.
13. No dangerous chemical substances, such as caustics, acids, or highly combustible solids, fluids, or gases in pressurized tanks may be displayed.
14. No poisons, drugs, hazardous substances, controlled substances or devices may be displayed.
15. No dry ice or other sublimating solids may be displayed.
16. No syringes, needles, pipettes and similar devices may be displayed.
17. No flames, open or concealed, or highly flammable display materials (including candles) may be displayed.
18. Lasers may not be displayed.