

## Science Fair Rules & Guidelines 2019

### Dates:

February 14-16, 2019

### Schedule of Events:

<b>Thursday, February 14, 2019</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 5:00pm - 8:00pm</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Drop off &amp; Set up projects</li></ul>
<b>Friday, February 15, 2019</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 4:00pm -6:00pm</li><li>● 5:00 -6:00pm</li><li>● 6:00pm - 10:00pm</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Drop off &amp; Set up projects</li><li>● Judges Dinner</li><li>● Judging of Projects</li><li>● Jr High Interviews</li></ul>
<b>Saturday, February 16, 2019</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 9:00am - 10:30am</li><li>● 10:30am - 12:30pm</li><li>● Immediately after awards - 2:00pm</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Public viewing</li><li>● Awards Ceremony</li><li>● Project Pickup</li></ul>

### Project Types & :

PreK - 3 Observation & Investigation

PreK - 3 Systems with a Model

PreK - 6 Experiments

#### *Categories:*

Life Science

Earth Science

Physical Science

Jr High Experiments

#### *Individual Categories:*

Botany

Behavioral Social Sciences

Biochemistry/Microbiology  
Chemistry  
Computers  
Earth Science/Space Science  
Engineering  
Environmental Science  
Math  
Medicine/Health  
Physics  
Zoology

*Team Categories:*

Behavior/Biochemistry/Medicine & Health  
Botany/Environmental/Zoology  
Engineering/Computers/Math  
Physical Sciences  
Earth & Space Science

**Science Fair Rules**

1. Students must be PreK-4 age through 8th grade, enrolled in a Brazoria County public school, private school, or homeschool.
2. A student may only submit one project per year
3. Project applications must be registered through the Brazoria County Science Fair office by 5pm on the registration deadline each year.
4. Project may include no more than 12 months of continuous research and may not include research performed before March of the prior year.
5. Projects can be submitted as an individual or as a team. Team projects may not have more than three members.
6. Elementary teams must be from the same grade level. Jr High teams can be a combination of 7th and 8th grade.
7. Each team member must submit a registration form and pay registration fees.
8. It is the responsibility of the student and the Adult Sponsor to evaluate the study to determine if the research will require forms and/or review and approval prior to experimentation, especially projects that include human participants, vertebrate animals, or potentially hazardous biological agents.
9. The use of non-animal research methods and the use of alternatives to animal research are strongly encouraged and must be explored before conducting a

vertebrate animal project. A veterinarian approval will be required for all projects involving vertebrate

10. All work presented must be the student's work. Parents can be guides. Adults can supervise the investigation, but not take part except in cases of safety.
11. Parents should not participate in the preparation or presentation, except to help with materials and act as a guide or an audience for practice.
12. Students entering projects in the Science Fair should be aware that although care will be taken, damage could possibly occur to projects during the time they are on display. The fair association will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.
13. All projects must follow safety protocol. All project safety will include approval from an adult sponsor and adult supervision.
14. A science project competing in the science fair must be displayed on a free standing board, for example, a tri-fold cardboard or a foam board. The exhibit size is limited to 76 cm front to back, 122 cm side to side, and 274 cm from floor to the top of the display.
15. Projects must include display board and journal. Additional supplies and materials used in the project may be displayed but are not required. Additional supplies and materials will not be evaluated as part of the judging process.