



Merced City School District Science & Engineering Fair Thursday, January 30, 2025

STEAM Center
2900 Green Street
Merced, CA 95340

School Winners Grades 5th - 8th

Following the [guidelines](#) provided by MCOE, schools will present projects created by individuals or small groups (3 students max per group). At the MCSD SEF, each school may present:

- 3 winners total from grades 5th or 6th
- 6 winners each from grades 7th and 8th

[Register school fair winners here](#). Information regarding rules, topics, displays, experimental design, and abstracts follow the guidelines for the MCOE Science Fair. A judging rubric will be shared to support students in preparation for their interview. Judges will review the projects and interview the students at the STEAM Center on **1/30/2025**. **Tentative** Judging schedule:

- 8:00-11:00 5th-6th Grade
- 11:00-12:00 7th-8th Grade
- 3:00- 4:55 Public Viewing
- 5:00-5:30 Award Ceremony

MCOE STEM Fair on February 27, 2025

Location: UC Merced, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

20 projects will represent MCSD at [MCOE STEM Fair](#) on February 27, 2025. MCSD will enroll the winners in the MCOE Competition and submit the fees. School sites will chaperone their winners at the MCOE STEM Fair for judging and demonstrations.

Showcase & Awards on March 4, 2025

Location: MCOE Downtown Center, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Showcase Setup from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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Wednesday, 1/29/2025 8:00am-12:00pm	All Schools bring projects to set up at the STEAM Center. You may arrive at any time during the window.
Thursday, 1/30/2025	DESCRIPTION
8:00-8:30 Site Staff brings students for interviews	<u>Early Start Schools Check-In</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Givens • Gracey • Muir • Reyes • Rivera Elementary • Sheehy • Stowell
8:30 - 9:30	Early Start Schools Elementary Judging
9:15-9:45 Site Staff brings students for interviews	<u>Late Schools Start Check-In</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burbank • Chenoweth • Franklin • Fremont • Peterson • Stefani • Wright
9:45 - 10:45	Late Start Schools Elementary Judging
10:30-11:00 Site Staff brings students for interviews	<u>MS Check-In</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hoover • Tenaya • Cruickshank • Rivera
11:00 - 12:45	MS Judging
1:00 - 2:00	Lunch for Judges
2:00-3:00	Final Deliberation
3:00 - 4:55	Public Viewing of Projects
5:00 - 5:20	Award Ceremony
5:30	Students take projects home - top 20 district competitors will be given information for participation in MCOE STEM Fair Competition on February 27th at UC Merced

Student Instructions

Welcome to the MCSD Science & Engineering Fair!

Congratulations on your selection as a winner to represent your school. We are proud of the work you have done and your commitment to your project. We want to encourage you to be curious, innovative, and to use failure as a lever for progress because those are all things that scientists and engineers do. To keep this mindset at SEF we say our motto:

Seek - Explore - Fail Forward

Today, you will meet judges from the MCSD science and engineering community who will talk to you about your project. Relax, and be yourself. You are already a winner!

Upon Arrival

1. Sign in your project. Make sure we have your name, your project title and your school name.
2. Set up your project at the table assigned to you and wait at the table.
3. When a judge arrives, introduce yourself. Give a brief overview of your project. Be ready to answer questions.
4. When you are finished, leave your project for final judging. Find your chaperone and transportation back to school.

Info

All projects will be displayed for the community from 3:00 p.m. to 4:55 p.m. The Award Ceremony is at 5:00 p.m. and MCSD winners will be announced at that time. At 5:30 p.m., all projects will be taken home. 20 winners will advance to the Merced County competition on February 27th at UC merced. Winners can make improvements to their projects between district level and county level competition. Good luck to all participants!