



School Site Science & Engineering Fair

December or January

AT YOUR SCHOOL

Project Development

It is recommended that teachers of 5th-8th grade classes begin projects with their students no later than October. Students can work on projects individually or in small groups (3 students max per group) and should follow [guidelines](#) provided by MCOE. There are distinct rubrics for science projects and engineering projects. Teachers can access resources for teaching [here](#).

Planning for your School Site Fair

Your school's SEF can take place in December or January on a date that the committee agrees upon. The deadline to submit names for your school's winners is Thursday, **January 22, 2026**.

1. Event Date & Time, Location and Set Up
2. Judges
3. Judging Rubrics - utilize the district rubric
4. Ribbons for winners

Support for Science & Engineering Fair

1. Planning and teaching resources will be accessible on the link above and the STEAM Center webpage.
2. An extended day class to support students outside of school hours would be helpful. Middle schools can utilize LCAP funds for extended day learning opportunities, and elementary schools can submit an [E-LOP proposal](#)* (Title: "Inquiry: Science & Engineering" aka ISE). *Can help with purchasing project boards and other project materials.
3. "Ask A STEM Pro" events will be virtual this year (currently under development). Dates will be announced and posted on the district STEAM Center webpage.
4. The STEAM Center may be able to support with instruments (microscopes, data loggers, etc.) if student projects have a need.