



Discovery Fair Rules and Guidelines

The Discovery Fair is an open event for all 3rd graders at Richland Elementary School. The event is not judged and is intended to be a fun opportunity for students to share either their results from an experimental study (Experimental) or what they have learned from research addressing a specific question (Special Topic). The following rules and guidelines are intended to make the event enjoyable and safe for all participants and viewing public.

1. Only one discovery fair entry per student.
2. Projects are done by a single student not a group.
3. When designing the project, think SAFETY first. Make certain that an adult is mentoring all experiments especially any that involve chemicals.
4. Adults are encouraged to offer guidance and advice while allowing ownership of the project to rest with the student.
5. Each participant will receive a tri-fold poster board (provided by the PTO) on which they can display their poster information.
6. There will be a small amount of space for each student to have an accompanying display with their poster if they desire. The display should fit in the space in front of the open tri-fold poster board. Due to space limitations, tables will not be available for additional big displays and students are encouraged to include photos and drawings of any models or experimental set ups on their posters.
 - a. no living organisms except plants may be exhibited. Display of spoiled food, mold, bacteria etc. is not permitted.
 - b. Anything that is normally prohibited at school or that could be harmful to the public cannot be exhibited at the fair. This includes but is not limited to, harmful chemicals, poisons, explosives, open flames, combustible materials, and any sharp items like knives, pins or needles.
 - c. Any kind of liquids, edible substances or explosives is not allowed for display.
 - d. There will be no running water or electricity available for your display. Standard batteries are permitted.
7. Projects may not include inhumane treatment of people or animals.