



2020 Jefferson County Science Fair

Dear School Science Fair Winner:

Congratulations on being chosen to represent your school at the 2020 Jefferson County Science Fair, which will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Jefferson High School. Doors open for students and parents at 8:00 AM.

As a Society for Science network affiliated fair, the Jefferson County Science Fair adheres to the International Rules for Pre-College Research. Most importantly, your project display must not include any prohibited items, such as living or formerly living organisms (animals, plants, bacteria), chemicals of any type, food, soil, water, or anything that may pose a hazard to others such as sharp objects, lasers, or exposed high voltage wiring. If your display includes any prohibited items, you should replace them with photographs of the items. (Empty food containers that have been thoroughly rinsed are generally OK.) If any banned item is displayed with your project, it will be removed before judging.

Attached is the application for the county science fair. Please complete all parts of the application neatly and make especially sure your name is spelled correctly and is easy to read. If your project requires electricity during the county fair, please check the appropriate box on the application form. Have your parents review and sign the form, then return it ASAP to your science teacher.

You will be assigned a project number and a judging group. The number tells everyone where to find your project. The judging group tells you about what time you will be called to present your project. It is very important that you are in the waiting area at the designated time for your judging group. When your project number is called, you are to report to your project right away for judging.

You will probably get hungry while you're at the fair, so you may wish to **pack a lunch**. There will be a concession stand with snacks and drinks for purchase so you might also bring a few dollars just in case you need a snack before or after lunch.

Category winners will have their pictures taken as a group and will be posted on the Jefferson County Schools website the after the fair.

In addition to judges, teacher chaperones, and fair workers, the public is invited to attend the fair during the time designated for public viewing. *Your parents and other family members are invited to attend as well.*

Make sure you take all of your belongings when you leave. Anything left behind after the fair will be “recycled.”

More things to keep in mind:

- Practice your presentation. Judges can read your display board; they don't need you to read it to them. They would like you to tell them about your project in your own words.
- Get a good night's sleep before the fair. It will be a long day and you will need the energy to make a great impression.
- Charge up your cell phone or personal electronic entertainment device. You probably won't have access to electrical outlets for charging.
- Don't forget to pack your lunch and drink.
- Dress to impress! You are representing yourself, your school, and your county.
- It is your responsibility to promptly report to your project when your number is called.
- Middle school students who win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in each category at the county science fair will be invited to participate in EPSEF, the Eastern Panhandle Science and Engineering Fair - Middle School Division. Winners of the regional science fair will receive invitations to participate in the [Broadcom MASTERS](#) (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering Rising Stars), the premier science and engineering competition for middle school students. *NEW for 2020* -- First place category winners at the regional fair will be invited to compete in the West Virginia Science and Engineering Fair.
- High school students who win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in each category at the county science fair will be invited to participate in EPSEF, the Eastern Panhandle Science and Engineering Fair. Students presenting the top two projects win an all-expense paid trip to participate in the Regeneron ISEF, the premier science and engineering competition for high school students.



2020 Jefferson County Science Fair Quick Facts:

Fair Date: Saturday, February 1, 2020

Snow Date: Saturday, February 8, 2020

Time: Doors open for project setup at 8:00 AM
Project takedown and removal by 1:30 PM

Location: Jefferson High School, Shenandoah Junction, WV

Registration: Complete, sign, and submit the **Application for Entry of Science Fair Exhibit** to your science teacher by Friday, January 24, 2020.

Project Qualification/Disqualification:

Projects are expected to conform to the ISEF Rules and Guidelines, as applicable for your division, especially in regards to ethics, display and safety requirements, and treatment of animals and/or human subjects.

Banned materials (biological materials, chemicals, food, hazardous or dangerous objects, etc.) will be removed from project displays prior to judging.

Fraudulent or blatantly plagiarized projects will be disqualified.

Project Category Placement Subject to Change:

Please note that project categories may be modified to aid in the organization and judging of projects. Projects may be placed in a category other than that requested for any of several reasons. Final placement of projects into categories is at the discretion of the Fair Directors.

More Info: Please contact your Science Teacher.