

Science Fair Rules & Guidelines 2026

Dates: February 26-28, 2026

Schedule of Events:

Thursday, February 26, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5:30pm - 7:00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Drop off & Set up projects
Friday, February 27, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5:30 pm ● 6:00 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Judges Dinner ● Judging of Projects ● Jr High Interviews(7th and 8th Grade)
Saturday, February 28, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 9:00am - 9:45am ● 9:45 am ● Immediately after awards until 11:00 am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public viewing ● Awards Ceremony Starts ● Project Pickup

Project Types & Categories :

PreK - 6th Life Skills

PreK - 3rd grade Observation & Investigation

PreK - 3rd grade Systems with a Model

PreK - 6th grade Experiments

Categories:

Life Science

Earth Science

Physical Science

Jr High Experiments (7th and 8th Grade)

Categories:

Botany

Behavioral Social Sciences

Biochemistry/Microbiology

Chemistry

Computers

Earth Science/Space Science

Engineering

Environmental Science

Math

Medicine/Health

Physics

Zoology

Science Fair Rules

1. Students must be PreK 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 a display board and journal. If a project does not include these, they cannot receive a medal. 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.