AZSEF
ARIZONA SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR

ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR DIVISIONS

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

UPDATED JULY 2025

REQUIRED ITEMS

I. PAPERWORK

a. All students must complete the Elementary and Middle School Project Approval Form and Research Plan. These forms, along with instructions and additional forms required for certain types of projects, can be found on the AzSEF website under Elementary & Junior Division 'What Paperwork Do I Need?' section. Students should bring copies of their approved Project Approval Form and Research Plan to display during judging.

b. All projects involving Human Subjects, Vertebrate Animals, and/or Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents must receive approval from an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or Scientific Review Committee (SRC) before experimentation begins. Written parental consent is also required for all human participants under 18 years of age.

These approval requirements are included in the Elementary and Middle School Project Approval Form that all students must complete. If your project does not involve any of these categories, simply indicate that on the form.

If your school or district does not have an IRB or SRC, contact azsefsrc@azscience.org for assistance with the approval process.

II. PHYSICAL PROJECT POSTER (BOARD)

Elementary & Junior Division students will NOT be required to create a virtual project presentation for AzSEF 2026.
All participants will be required to present their project using a physical project poster (board), not to exceed the maximim size limit of 30 inches (depth) by 48 inches (width) by 94 inches (height, floor to top of project).

Project Board should contain the following elements:

1. Project title and Fair ID number
2. Question/problem
3. Hypothesis
4. Materials
5. Procedures
6. Results
7. Conclusion

DISPLAY AND SAFETY

Display & Safety inspections will include a review of all materials prior to judging and enforcement of the display guidelines (see Display and Safety Checklist). This includes, but is not limited to:

a. Providing appropriate credits for all photographs, graphs, and other visuals - each individual image must now be cited separately; blanket credit statements are no longer permitted. Examples of how to cite images can be found here.

b. Having signed permission forms of individuals depicted in any project materials (on the board, slides or in the video).

c. Ensuring no offensive or inappropriate photos or images are included.

d. Project materials must be able to stand alone- nothing can be attached to the table or wall.

e. Forms, as identified in the Required Forms section of the Display & Safety Guidelines, must be located at the project booth.

f. Items/Materials listed under the "Not Allowable of Display or Project Booth" section of the Display & Safety Guidelines may NOT be at the project booth.

g. Projects will not have access to an electrical outlet during AzSEF.