

BCSF DISPLAY RULES

The Science Project Display is an important part of the Student's Science Fair Project. Although there are limitations that a student must follow to conform to SSEF guidelines, the student still has much opportunity to be creative. The judges are cautioned not to be influenced by the display alone. However a carefully crafted display will help a project in competition.

1. Display must be self-standing of heavy reinforced cardboard, hardwood, paneling or plywood supported by a base. The project cannot lean on the table, wall, or other projects. Nails, glue, or tape cannot be placed onto table or materials provided by the Fair Committee, county, or the mall. Masking tape may be used to apply official registration and qualifying materials.
2. Maximum area allowed for a project is 30 inches (75 cm) deep by 48 inches (120 cm) wide by 8 feet high (240 cm). Any project measuring over five feet high will be placed in a floor space and not on a table. Table dimensions are 8' long by 30 " wide by 29" high. Display dimensions are designed to allow two projects to be placed on a table if they are under 5' in height. However, due to the use of showboards, most middle school projects are designed three to a table.
3. Students are responsible for setting up and removing their own projects. They **MUST** supply all necessary materials, tools, tacks, nails, **electric cords** (must be 3 prong safety with 25' orange extension for connection), etc.
4. Student and school names **MUST** appear on the abstracts. Identification may be placed on the back of a panel of the display. Each display must have a RESEARCH PAPER, an experimental data book, logbook and a vertically displayed SSEF Abstract. Intel ISEF certification forms must be on display in a separate notebook or in the back of the research notebook. MSDS forms are in a separate notebook.
5. All parts of the display must be safe. Participant is responsible for firmly attaching all removable parts. Security and safety are to be designed into the exhibits.
6. The SSEF abstract is to be placed in a vertical position somewhere in the display area. This abstract may be on the board or on the table in a vertical frame.
7. No plants allowed on exhibits. Use pictures if necessary. Cite all photographs.
8. Displays are housed in a public area. The rules committee will determine if displays are appropriate for viewing by the public. Human and vertebrate body parts (for example-Teeth) may not be displayed unless these parts are artifacts from a state certified archaeological dig. Chemicals, crystals, water, liquids, mold, fungi, bacteria, glass, and sharp objects may not be displayed at any time. This includes glass bulb for lighting.
9. Students may be asked to make changes on their project or redo paperwork to comply with Intel ISEF and BCSF Rules before, during or after the Fair. Failing to comply with these requests may prevent the student from being judged or receiving awards. **THE COUNTY K-12 SCIENCE CURRICULUM SPECIALISTS and SRC RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REJECT PROJECTS THAT ARE DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE**
10. The following items from the research paper must be on the display board:

Title	Procedures
Abstract	Data and Data Analysis
Statement of the Purpose	Conclusion
Hypothesis	Application
11. Only the current year data and information may be on the display boards. Any reference to other years work will be removed. Second year studies may have, from previous years, data books and research papers displayed at site but not on the display board.

12. **Do not place references or acknowledgements on the display boards. Letters from mentors or individuals may not be put on the display boards. These items are found in the research paper only. Pictures depicting place of research may not be exhibited. Pictures of humans may not be displayed without written permission (included in notebook certification forms. Also, all pictures must be cited as to where they were acquired. If the exhibitor took the pictures this must be clearly identified and cited.**
13. The county fair committee will not take responsibility for any loss of materials from project displays. Removal of valuable equipment should occur after judging.
14. Projects are to be picked up during the take down time only. Any project remaining after this time will be **discarded.**

DISPLAY

MAXIMUM SIZE:

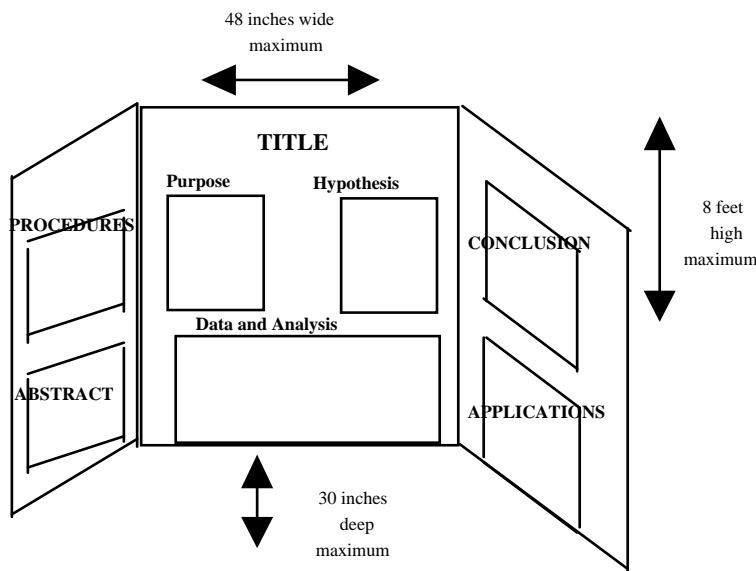
30" (75 cm.) Deep
 48" (120 cm.) Wide
 8' (240 cm.) High

SUGGESTED MATERIAL:

Cardboard
 Hardwood
 Plywood
 Paneling

All displays under 5' high will be placed on a table. All displays 5' to 8' high will be placed on the floor. Display must be freestanding. An exhibit table dimensions are 8'L X 29"H X 30"W.

The SSEF Abstract is displayed in a vertical position. Suggested in the left lower side of the board or in the middle left panel of the display board, but not required. A Plexiglas frame standing vertical on the table containing the abstract is acceptable.



Use pictures and graphs (with appropriate labels) to put the point across

All titles should be clear and neatly done so they can be read 25 feet away from the exhibit

Use contrasting colors that are pleasant to the eye

All print should be large enough to read 15 feet from the exhibit

Sample Board Layout

Each display must have a RESEARCH PAPER, experimental data journals, logbook and SSEF abstract. All projects require Intel ISEF Certifications. A copy of these forms should be in a separate folder or at the back of the research paper.

Mentors, place of research, or acknowledgements **MUST NOT** appear on any display materials. However, they may be in the research paper. School name and student name must be placed on ISEF abstract on the display.

All pictures of individuals on display must have written consent. A copy of this consent must be available at display.

DISPLAY AND SAFETY

State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida

General Information

In order to participate at a science fair, all students must have their projects reviewed to ensure that proper protocols have been followed and that their project display is safe for public viewing. The role of the Display and Safety Committee is to certify that student projects are safe for public display. Local, School, and Regional fairs should follow the same procedures and regulations so students are prepared to enter the higher-level competitions.

A checklist of unacceptable items and conditions is used for the project review. Some items will not be allowed for display at all. Others may be displayed only for a judge's review and must be removed when judging has been completed. When a project display has been found to satisfy all of the requirements on the checklist, that project is then approved for participation in the Fair.

Another role of the Display and Safety Committee is to review any materials that a student may want to remove from the site for security reasons and bring back to the fair during judging. Labels are used to identify these items. Only items that are properly labeled (most personal items excepted) are allowed to return with the student for judging.

Display and Safety Committee members form teams led by Section Chiefs and are assigned to designated areas (or categories) on the exhibit floor. The Section Chief serves as a facilitator and trouble-shooter during project display certification. The Section Chief is well versed in Display and Safety Rules and regulations and can help when deciding what to do when a display falls into a "gray area".

On set-up day, students assemble their displays and wait next to them until the Display and Safety Committee members have approved their display.

Display and Safety

FAQs and Common Problems

We would appreciate it if you follow the Display and Safety protocol at your regional fairs. Most of the projects that are displayed at the State Science and Engineering Fair are identical to their display at the regional fair. Each year there are numerous problems that students have to fix on site or come back to fix after the opening ceremonies.

In order to speed up the Display and Safety process on site we ask that you please be familiar with the protocol and enforce it at your regional fair. Of all the problems that occur with displays, the following are most common:

1. Glass — students often have their abstracts in picture frames that do not have an acrylic cover.
2. The only acceptable lighting for projects is a shielded fluorescent light.
3. Abstracts — students must have an official SSEF abstract displayed at their project. No others are acceptable. www.floridassef.net
4. Sharp objects — students often have staples that go through the back of the backboard, metal objects **such as pins**, and sharp corners on the display.
5. Machines — many of the machines that students bring in can only be for display and non-functional, especially when pulleys and chains are involved.
6. Embellishments — students may not have labels from different companies cut out and put on their backboards. They cannot thank anyone on their display either.