

WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOLS
2025 STEAM/SCIENCE FAIR
March 1, 2025
(Snow Date- March 2, 2025)
JOHN JAY HIGH SCHOOL
RULES AND REGULATIONS

Eligibility: This STEAM/Science Fair is open to any student from grades 5-12 enrolled in any of the Wappingers Central Schools. Students may participate as individuals or in pairs.

- 1- All students must prepare an official application which **must be submitted on or before January 10, 2025.** Students working in pairs should each fill out and sign an application, and submit them together.
- 2- **All exhibits must be the work of the students. Professional guidance may be obtained by contacting a teacher.**
- 3- The exhibitor(s) must be present at all times during the judging hours. Doors will open at 8:00 AM. **Judging will begin at 9:15 AM.** (Parents may not be present during the judging hours).
- 4- The Fair will be open to the parents/public on the following schedule:
 - 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM All grades
- 5- The awards ceremony will take place in the auditorium. (1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be recognized at that time. All students will receive a certificate of participation.)
 - 1:00 PM All grades
- 6- Students may bring lunch and snacks, however no food or drink is permitted in the gymnasium. Students may use the cafeteria to eat lunch or snacks.
- 7- Plan to keep your exhibit in working order during the Fair. Exhibits with working parts should be checked often so that minor repairs may be made. No exposed terminals – standard electrical tape can cover necessary terminal connections.
 - a) Wires used should have sufficient insulation.
 - b) Moving parts such as gears, levers, belts that could be a hazard should be shielded or made inaccessible.
- 8- There will be NO electrical power provided. All electrical projects must be battery powered.
- 9- **NO LIVE ANIMALS WILL BE PERMITTED AT THE SCIENCE FAIR. DIRECT EXPERIMENTATION ON A VERTEBRATE ANIMAL IS NOT PERMITTED.**
- 10- Reasonable precaution will be taken to protect exhibits, **BUT NO GUARANTEE AGAINST DAMAGE OR LOSS CAN BE GIVEN.** Make your exhibit strong and durable. Avoid loose, unattached parts; build them into your exhibit.
- 11- This is a fair to **display** your scientific experiment that you did previously. **DO NOT BRING DANGEROUS CHEMICALS, HIGH VOLTAGE DEVICES OR FLAMES. Do display your results.** Please adhere to these rules for the safety of all.

12- Exhibits must be on a tri-fold poster board that can stand on its own, and will be judged on the following criteria: (see rubric)

Creativity
Presentation

Scientific Process
Oral Presentation

13- All exhibits will be grouped in 5 divisions: Biology/Health, Chemistry, Physics/Engineering, Earth Science/Environmental, Mathematics/Computer Sciences.

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS ONLY

DUTCHESS COUNTY REGIONAL FAIR – INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS ONLY
****PLEASE NOTE: GROUP PROJECTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE**
DUTCHESS COUNTY REGIONAL FAIR

The following winners are eligible for the Dutchess County Regional Fair:

Grades 5-12 **INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS ONLY** - First, second and third place winners.

See www.dcsciencefair.org for further information about applying to compete in the Dutchess County Regional Science Fair.

THE APPLICATION MUST BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE DUTCHESS COUNTY REGIONAL FAIR BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE, AND IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT.

THE 66th ANNUAL DUTCHESS COUNTY REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025. THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOON ON SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THEM AFTER THAT DATE. NO EXCEPTIONS.