

# Rules To Follow For All STEM Fair Projects

## What You Need to Know Before Beginning Your STEM Fair Project So You Are Not Disqualified

Before beginning your school STEM fair project, all students need to fill out the official 2017 Central Utah STEM Fair (CUSF) Elementary Entry Form and give it to their teachers for review. This form is on the Elementary Science webpage under “STEM Fair” tab.

<http://elemscience.jordandistrict.org/stem/students-and-parents-stem-fair-project-information-for-the-school-stem-fair>

This form isn't just for the Jordan District Elementary STEM Fair. It is for your school STEM fair too so you know what the rules are so you aren't disqualified if you go on to the Jordan District Elementary STEM Fair.

**Below are special rules that need to be followed so projects aren't disqualified. Approval signatures must be signed on the 2017 CUSF Elementary Entry Form, page 1.**

**Please read the below information carefully.**

- 1. If a student uses people in his/her science fair project the student must:**
  - a. Get approval from his/her science teacher and from a psychologist, medical doctor, or registered nurse.
  - b. Get written consent from each person used. (Form is on page page14a.)
  - c. Get written consent from the parents of any children under 18 used. (Form is on page 14b.)
  - d. Attach a copy of the survey or test to the 2017 CUSF Entry Form.
- 2. If a student uses animals in his/her science fair project the student must:**
  - a. Get approval from his/her science teacher and a veterinarian or biomedical/biological scientist.
  - b. Conduct the experiment on home pets only for behavioral studies only. It can be done at home. They cannot be done on animals caught in the wild.
  - c. Make sure the animal doesn't experience any unnecessary pain or discomfort.
  - d. Proper daily care is given to the animal at all times.
- 3. If a student uses prescription, over the counter drugs, alcohol, or tobacco in his/her science fair project, the student must:**
  - a. Get approval from his/her science teacher and a biomedical/biological scientist.
  - b. Adhere to all laws when acquiring and handling controlled substances.
  - c. Have a qualified scientist or supervisor present during the experimentation.
  - d. Have a person over 21 purchase the controlled substances.

4. **If a student uses hazardous chemicals, weapons, laser, radiation, etc. in his/her science fair project, the student must:**
  - a. Get approval from his/her science teacher and a school administrator.
  - b. Adhere to all laws when acquiring and handling hazardous items.
  - c. Have a qualified scientist or supervisor present during the experimentation.
  - d. Must follow the proper safety procedures for each chemical or device used.
5. **If a student grows bacteria, mold, fungi, or viruses the student must:**
  - a. Get approval from his/her science teacher and from a biomedical or biological scientist to be sure the project is safe.
  - b. Grow the bacteria, mold, fungi, or virus in a qualified school BSL-1 laboratory only and not at home. **Growing these cultures at home will disqualify the project from all competitions.**
  - c. Have a qualified scientist or supervisor present during the experimentation.
  - d. Must follow the proper safety procedures for while growing the culture.

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