

**February 27, 2019**  
**SSKY SCIENCE FAIR RULES AND REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Grades K-4**

**What do I have to do to participate in the totally voluntary Science Fair?**

Other than conducting a research project, the primary requirements to participate in the Science Fair include:

- Register! Unregistered projects will not be allowed to participate. There is a \$5 registration fee per project.
- Show your research! Create a display that showcases your project, research, and conclusions. Display may not exceed 48" and must be freestanding. Bring the display to school before 8:30am on February 27th, 2019.
- Present your research during judging on February 27th, 2019. Prepare a short (1-2 minute) presentation demonstrating the depth of your own knowledge and familiarity with your project's subject matter. If you choose not to present, or are unavailable during the scheduled presentation time, that is fine. Your project will be judged on the display alone.
- Students are invited to participate in STEM Night, but are not required to do so.

**Judging**

- Judging will take place during the school day on February 27, 2019 only.
- Students will be judged on the use of the scientific method, understanding of the project, and ability to communicate research and results as detailed in the rubrik. Models and demonstrations will not score as high as an experiment that tests a hypothesis. Please review the rubric.
- **Teams of no more than 2 students in the same grade** are permitted, if otherwise allowed by the classroom teacher. Team projects will be judged alongside, are subject to the same time limits and other requirements, and will be eligible for the same awards, as individual projects.
- Depending on the number of entries, judges will spend approximately 5 minutes with each project. Students should allocate approximately 1-2 minutes for an oral presentation and/or demonstration. The remainder of the time may be reserved for questions.
- All decisions of the judges are final and not appealable. Score sheets will be destroyed after scores are tabulated and will not be shared with students.
- Scores will be tabulated the day of judging and will be announced at STEM Night.
- Judges may not be related to any students in the grade they are judging.
- Except for normal school activities, only students entered in the fair, judges, or science fair volunteers are allowed in the display area during judging. **Parents may not watch.**

It is the participant's responsibility to check with the Science Fair Committee prior to the Science Fair if there are any questions. Contact [Marketing@sskypato.com](mailto:Marketing@sskypato.com)

## 10 Science Fair Rules and Regulations You Need to Read!

**1. Number one rule... Safety First!** Always have adult supervision when conducting your experiment. Use common sense. If you think it might be too dangerous, it probably is.

- Avoid excessively noisy, annoying, or disruptive experiments.
- Messy projects are awesome and encouraged, but keep messy demonstrations at home, please.
- Firearms and weapons are not permitted.
- Displays and demonstrations may include non dangerous and non harmful items (for example, plants are acceptable.) Contact the Science Fair Committee with questions.
- The Science Fair Committee may refuse permission to any entry for reasons of safety or sanitation or in the best interest of the fair. Their decision is final and is not appealable.

**2. Number two rule . . . .Respect all life forms!**

- Experiments that harm animals are prohibited. Poisonous reptiles, experiments on vertebrates or anything involving cruelty to animals are not permitted.
- If you are using humans (for example, doing a taste test), experiments that place them in emotional, psychological, or physical distress or harm are not permitted.
- If you have any questions, check with the Science Fair Committee **PRIOR to starting your project, AND no later than February 20, 2019.**

**3. Number three rule . . . .Students are the Stars of Science Fair!**

- All entries must showcase the work of students. Adults can help; however, adult assistance should be limited to what is necessary and appropriate for the grade level. For example, appropriate adult assistance may include brainstorming ideas, gathering materials, supervising experiments, spell checking documents, double checking math, and helping set-up. Adults should also conduct any potentially dangerous aspects of a project. ***Adults should not conduct the entire experiment, analyze the data, design the display, or write the conclusion.*** If your adult really wants to do an experiment, have them ask about our special "Adult Division."
- Students are responsible for all their project materials. Neither the PTO, school, PVUSD, their parents, nor any other person participating in the Science Fair assumes any responsibility for loss or damage to equipment or materials.

**And, a few more rules . . .**

4. Students are responsible for taking their project home by the end of the day on March 8, 2019. Projects left at school after that date may be thrown out. **Students who qualify for AzSEF may not alter their display following the conclusion of the SSKY Science Fair, prior to the AzSEF, and are responsible for transporting their own projects to the event.**

5. Individual classroom teachers may have different rules and/or requirements. Students should always follow classroom rules.

6. Projects that violate the Sonoran Sky Student Handbook, break district policy, and/or local, state or federal laws are not permitted.

7. TEAMS. Students may work in teams, if otherwise permitted by their classroom teacher. Teams may consist of two students in the same grade only. Team projects will be treated the same as individual projects for purposes of judging and, if prizes are awarded, will receive the same prize as an individual project would. It is the sole responsibility of the teammates and their families to decide how to divide any prize awarded.

Team Member Initials \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

8. Respect all participants involved in the fair. Abuse of participants, judges or volunteers will not be tolerated. Students who violate this rule will be disqualified. Parents who violate this rule may cause their student's project to be disqualified.

9. District and State Science Fair. PVUSD does not have a K-4 district science fair and only 5th and 6th grade projects are eligible for the State Competition. (But, we know our K-4 projects are AMAZING and YOU are AWESOME for participating!)

Finally,

10. Decisions regarding participation, displays, awards, and disqualification will be made solely by the Science Fair Committee and are not appealable. The Committee will not entertain protests or attempts to disqualify students or projects at, or after, the Science Fair. If you would like to be part of the Science Fair Committee (requires a volunteer commitment of at least 10 hours and attendance at a minimum of two meetings) please contact [marketing@skskrypto.com](mailto:marketing@skskrypto.com) by December 1, 2018.

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**Registration Due February 20, 2019 before 3:15pm**  
**Acknowledgement of Rules and Registration**

I/We have read and agree to follow the Science Fair Rules.

**Student(s) Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teacher** \_\_\_\_\_

I/We have read and discussed the Science Fair Rules with the entrant. This child has permission to participate in this science fair. The PTO has permission to use the child's name and grade in school and community communications, including social media.

**Parent Name (print)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent contact email** \_\_\_\_\_

Return this Acknowledgement of Rules and Registration form, along with the \$5 registration fee, to the front office no later than **February 20, 2019**. Late entries will not be accepted. The Science Fair Committee can be contacted through [marketing@skskrypto.com](mailto:marketing@skskrypto.com).