

AFSA High School Science Fair FAQ's *(for students and parents)*

Grades 7-12

February 2, 2023 & February 16, 2023

There will be two evenings for projects to be judged: Both events will be at the High School. End time is approximate.

- Grades 7-9 Science Fair date: February 2, 2023, 3:30-7:30 pm
- Grades 10-12 Science Fair date: February 16, 2023, 3:30-7:30pm

What will science fair look like this year?

Science fair will consist of two components. First, there will be a general poster session held in the gym/study hall. Second, judging will be done via panels in the various classrooms. For students to receive credit for the science fair, they will need to be judged by a panel and spend time by their poster at the poster session.

What should I wear?

You should look nice. Official dress if you have it, dress pants or skirt and shirt with a collar are ideal. What not to wear: Torn or dirty clothing, pajamas, t-shirts, caps, hats or other inappropriate school clothing.

What time do I arrive?

Students will be assigned one of two timeframes; either 3:30-5:30pm or 5:30-7:30pm. Students need to arrive and have their project set up by their assigned time.

When can I leave?

Students will stay for their assigned timeframe; either 3:30-5:30pm or 5:30-7:30pm. Parents are welcome to visit during these times, but are not allowed in judging rooms. Students needing school-provided transportation must indicate that on their registration form, and arrangements will be made.

How will I present my project?

Students should have a Science Fair display board to present. Students will have 5 minutes uninterrupted to present their project to judges. After 5 minutes, judges will pose questions to students to learn more about the project or clarify information. This may take up to 10 minutes total. Practicing this ahead of time is highly recommended.

How many judges will I be judged by?

Students will be judged by three judges. Judges will complete an online form to submit their evaluation of your project.

What if I don't have transportation to the High School?

If you sign up for the 3:30-5:30pm timeframe, you may stay after school for this event. Students signing up for the 5:30-7:30pm timeframe must have transportation to the high school and may not stay afterschool.

Will the school provide transportation home?

There will be limited transportation available for students who need transportation home after they are done with their science fair requirements. Please indicate your need for transportation when you register for science fair.

What do I do with my written report?

Bring a copy of your paper to your judging session. Turn this in to the judges before you leave.

What if I don't have transportation to or from the High School?

Indicate your need for transportation on your registration form and arrangements will be made.

Who are the judges?

Our judges are volunteers from F& M Bank, Cargill, General Mills, Land O Lakes, the University of Minnesota and many other community members who want to help students succeed.

Please be sure to thank your judges.

What if I'm late or need to leave early?

Contact Ms. Burkwald at burkwald@afsak12.com if you have a conflict on the day of Science Fair. Guidance will be provided based on your situation.

What should I bring?

Bring your display board to school the day before your science fair date (Wednesday, Feb 1st or Wednesday, Feb 15th). You will also need to bring at least one copy of your science fair paper to school on the date of your science fair.

Where do I put my display?

You should keep your display and materials in your science/Ag class or in your advisory.

Can my parents attend the science fair?

They may come to AFSA and see your project during the poster session. Parents will not be allowed into the judging rooms.

What if I haven't registered?

We are not accepting late entries. Registration is due by January 25th for all 7-12th graders.

What if there is an error on my registration information?

If there is an error, please correct it as you check in on the night of science fair, and let the judges know when you enter your judging room.

Who will advance to the State FFA Agriscience Fair?

Judges will recommend which projects they believe ought to advance to the State FFA Agriscience Fair. There is no minimum or maximum number.

Judges may require that some improvements be made to the project before advancing to the State competition.

Students who do not participate in the February Science Fair dates are ineligible to compete at the State Competition.

When will I find out if I won an award or was chosen to advance to the State FFA Agriscience Fair?

Division, category, and best of fair awards will be announced. At that time, projects advancing to the State competition will also be announced. Letters will be sent home to parents of all students who qualify to move on to state competition.

Please note: All AFSA students are required to complete an original science fair project each year of attendance. Students who have qualified for national competition may serve as science fair mentors in their Junior and Senior years instead of completing a project if they meet specific criteria.