

Morning Judging      Afternoon Judging      **2026 Northwest Science Expo Exhibit Map**

row 15	CH	CH	CH	CH	CH	CH	CH
	4	8	16	20	25	28	

High school students are present all day.

**Middle School Projects**

row 1	row 2	row 3	row 4	row 5	row 6	row 7	row 8	row 9
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**Middle School Categories**

AM Animal & Micro	EN Energy & Clean Water
BE Behavioral	EV Environmental
CH Chemistry	FS Food Science
CO Computer & Robotics	MA Math & Data Reasoning
CP Consumer Product & Materials	ME Medicine & Health
EA Earth, Weather, Mineral	PH Physics
EG Engineering	PL Plants

**High School Projects**

AN Animal Sciences	EB Eng: Bioengineering & Materials	ME Medicine & Health
BE Behavioral & Social Science	EE Eng: Electrical & Mechanical	MI Microbiology
BC Biochemistry	VE Environmental & Earth Sciences	PH Physics & Astronomy
CM Cellular & Molecular Biology	MA Mathematics & Data Reasoning	PL Plant Sciences
CH Chemistry	EN Energy & Environmental Engineering	

Row numbers at the end of an aisle help with navigation.

The exhibit map and schedule are in the program.

High school judges will be downstairs and middle school judges upstairs. Check in at the registration table when you enter the school.

Main entry to exhibits  
Restrooms in hall near entry.

# Scoring Slide decks

- **Scoring will open Friday March 27.** Spend about 10 minutes on each project.
- Use the slide decks as your primary source of information. High school students will have a research plan and ISEF Forms in their project materials.
- Students who worked at a research institution will have Form 1C. This specifically details who did what. Continuation projects have Form 7 with prior research plans. Only the current year can be scored.
- **If you are not able to open slides due to Permissions, DO NOT request access through Google,** this gives the student your email address. The tracking sheet can be used to mark this or email me. [nwse@pdx.edu](mailto:nwse@pdx.edu)
- **Comments to Student** will be emailed the Thursday after the fair. Please be positive, but do not comment on specific awards. These can be updated after interviews.
- Watch the Virtual Judging Tools video (NWSE doesn't require video)

# Things to Remember for Interviews

- Students range in age from 10-18, please keep questions focused on their project. No personal comments.
- Make sure you spend the same amount of time with each project. 8-10 minutes. For large categories, you need to stick to 8 minutes.
- We want all students to feel good after an interview, don't make the kids cry.
- Judges can sit in the provided chair during interviews. This is especially good to keep kids from having to look up.
- There are very advanced students, some worked in labs, others at school or home. Ask questions without preconceived ideas about ability.
- High school students are each assigned up to 4 middle school projects to interview. Please return to their project if you miss them the first time.

# High School Judges

- Plenty of time for 10 minute interviews per project.
- Several judge groups are also doing additional interviews for fun.
- Some categories have assigned Special Awards. The head judge has been assigned to the special award.
- If your head judge doesn't show up, that role needs to be reassigned.
- Each category can only nominate 1 project for Best of Fair and 1 project for ISEF. That can be the same 1st place project. Projects with an r are already attending ISEF.

# Middle School Judges

- Students are only at their project for a single session. For a couple categories there are very few projects in one session.
- Don't interview as a group. Space yourselves out.
- Some categories have also been assigned Special awards. The head judge has been assigned.
- Middle School students are not allowed any props, please do not say "I wish I could see that in person"
- High school students will be adding to the interview count. They have a green line on their name tag.
- JIC counts students instead of projects. So 2 students are selected based on category rank. If a team is your 1st place only nominate that one for JIC.

# Special Awards

- Special Award organizations have their own members judging.
- Online Special Awards judges will do initial scoring with attendance verified at the fair.
- Category Judges assigned to specific national awards.
- Look for very specific project aspects. The best way to shrink a long list of projects is to use the first criteria as a How well does this fit the criteria? For example someone judging for the SI award would give a project measuring in inches a score of lacking. Though this doesn't work if you are judging a project for both category and special awards as category scoring needs to be accurate. You can use slides for this, we just want to make sure the project was at the fair.
- For some special awards there will be a very short list, if the identical award was won at a regional fair, the project will not be listed.
- Watch Special award Judges Video

# Head Judges

- Head Judges have a different view of the JFR and can select and save the awards. They can also View Judge Scores for the group.
- No ties are allowed for 1st place. Other places may already be set for ties. If your group really wants a tie, then I can change that setting.
- Best of Fair is only available for 1st place projects.
- At High School ISEF is available for your highest ranking project, which is not already going to ISEF. If there is an R, they have already been selected at a regional fair.
- Middle School should nominate their top 2 projects for JIC. This is a national competition.
- Watch Head Judge Video