

1. Students may do a project alone or in a group of 2-10 students.
2. Schools must 'affiliate' with SEFMD before students may enter. Affiliation done prior to December 1, 2023 provides a 50% discount in the \$50 affiliation fee.
3. Students enter their projects online by selection their 'affiliated' school. For Team/Group projects, only the team leader should enter.
4. Elementary school projects (unlike the upper grades) may include models.
5. Elementary students will enter in one of these four categories:
  - L1 Individual – Life Science project (individual student)
  - L2 Group – Life Science project (2-10 students working as a group)
  - P1 Individual – Physical Science project (individual student)
  - P2 Group – Physical Science project (2-10 students working as a group)

Life science would include projects related to Animal Science, Behavioral & Social Science, Biology, Earth and Environmental Science, Medicine & Health, and Plant Science. Physical Science would include projects related to Chemistry, Engineering, Mathematics, Physics & Astronomy, Renewable Energy, and Technology & Robotics.

6. The project display board should fit these dimensions: (In-Person Projects)
  - 61 cm (24 in.) deep, front to back
  - 91 cm (36 in.) wide, side to side
  - 274 cm (108 in.) high, floor to top
  - (Tables are 36 inches high so projects sitting on table may be 78 inches high.)
7. The project display board and/or the pdf presentation of the display board components should not have any of the following items:
  - Student's name (or names); school name
  - Photos showing the student's face
  - Photos of other students unless consent is obtained from each student
  - Inappropriate photos (e.g., animals in other than normal conditions)
  - Hazardous items (sharp items, chemicals, glass) on the display board
  - Food items (popcorn, candy, etc.) on the display board
8. Teachers should supervise all projects. Middle School and High School students must follow all of the guidelines for science fair projects as established by the Society for

Science and the Public and found on the SEFMD website. To simplify this for elementary students, students are not permitted to:

Do any testing of vertebrate animals, other than observations

Do any human taste-tests or physical exercise tests

Do any collecting/culturing of bacterial samples unless done at school

9. Students will enter their projects online at [www.sefmd.org](http://www.sefmd.org); one entry per project. If a team project, only the team leader should enter. In addition to completing the online entry information, students are asked to submit the REQUIRED items indicated in the following chart. (Many of the items listed are optional.)

### Elementary School Projects (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades)

Project Component	required	opt		2/16	3/8	3/19
Entry Form (EF) - p. 1	X		online	X		
EF: Research Plan	X		online	X		
EF: Release Form	X		online	X		
EF: Abstract	X		online		X	
EF: Video Link of Project	<b>X (for Virtual Only projects)</b>		online upload		X	
EF: .pdf of display board components	<b>X (for Virtual Only projects)</b>		online upload		X	
EF: pdf of lab book		X	online upload		X	
EF: up to four additional photos		X	online upload		X	
Simulation video		X	online upload		X	
Quad chart		X	online upload		X	
Display board	<b>X (required for In-Person projects)</b>		bring to Huntington Place			X

