



SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT INC.

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MEMO TO: Principal/Science Fair Coordinator

As you are starting the 2024-2025 school year, we thought that you should have a 'heads-up' regarding some of the changes occurring for the 68th Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit in 2025. At this time, the plans are for the fair to be an **In-Person Fair**, with certain components that may be submitted online.

Four years ago we opened up the science fair to 3rd-5th graders and we have seen increasing interest each year from these elementary school students and their teachers. These projects may be done by individual students or by groups of up to 10 students. Our supporters are excited about promoting STEM to our younger students. ALL students within our seven-county area (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston, Washtenaw, Lenawee, and Monroe) in the 3rd-12th grades are invited to participate in the Fair.

Preliminary judging for professional awards will take place virtually for all projects, over several days, from March 1, 2025 through March 8, 2025. Project setup at Huntington Place (formerly Cobo Hall) will be on Tuesday, March 11, 2025. Wednesday, March 12, 2025 will be the in-person round of judging. Please see the enclosed calendar for additional key dates.

This year, we have migrated to a different, online fair administration system. Each school and participating teacher must pre-register. In order to 'affiliate' your school, please use the following online portal with access information provided. Refer to the blue sheet in this packet for details. If you have already affiliated, THANK YOU!

URL: <https://zfairs.sefmd.org/app/affiliate/record>

Access Key: Password: (if password does not work, contact us to reset it)

A number of 'color coded' documents exist in this packet and are identified below. Additional copies are available on the web site (<https://www.sefmd.org>) under 'Forms/Documents' or by request. Hyperlinks are given for each of the documents (all on the website).

Color	Description	Action Requested
Bt Grn	This cover letter	Review and distribute appropriately.
Green	Calendar of events	One copy for you – important dates related to SF
Green-2	Helpful Hints for Project Display & Safety	One copy for you (on reverse side of Calendar)
White/ Color	SEFMD Newsletter – Numerous copies are included based on your past entries to the Science Fair.	One copy for you; please distribute the remaining copies to your science teachers.
Blue	Facts about the 68th Science Fair	One copy for you
Color	Science Fair Mentoring Event Flyer – Virtual workshops available during October/November	Please post. Students must pre-register to attend any of the online sessions. Topics vary each week.
White	Generic Release Form	Each participating student must complete with all required signatures and upload with project online
Poster	Special 68th SEFMD poster	Large and small poster for school. Please post.
Color	Highlights of 2024 SEFMD	One copy for you to post
Yellow	Affiliating School and Registering Teachers	Procedure on how to affiliate your school and register your teachers.

All special forms that are required are available at the web site: <http://www.sefmd.org> → Forms

We hope you will encourage your students to participate in this year's Science & Engineering Fair! If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at (248) 471-9900 or by email at sf2025@sefmd.org.

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