



SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT INC.

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MEMO TO: Principal/Science Fair Coordinator

As you are starting the 2025-2026 school year, we thought that you should have a 'heads-up' regarding some of the changes occurring for the 69th Science and Engineering Fair of Metro Detroit in 2026. At this time, the plans are for the fair to be an **In-Person Fair**, with certain components that may be optionally submitted online. 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! Projects may be done individually or in teams of from 2-10 students, depending on the Division.

The school affiliation fee is \$75/school this year. However, schools may affiliate for **only \$25/school** IF the affiliation is completed by December 1, 2025 AND the school commits to providing volunteers (parents or teachers) to help during the week of the Fair.

Preliminary judging for professional awards will take place virtually for all projects, over several days, from March 1, 2026 through March 8, 2026. Project setup at Huntington Place in Detroit will be on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. Wednesday, March 18, 2026 will be the in-person round of judging. Please see the enclosed calendar for additional key dates.

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

Color	Description	Action Requested
Yellow	This cover letter	Review and distribute appropriately.
White, 2 sided	Personalized School Affiliation (documentation on affiliation located on www.sefmd.org/resources)	Review, update online by 12/1/25 with reduced payment of \$25. Affiliation must occur before students can register from your school.
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 69th Science Fair	One copy for you
Pink	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.
Poster	Special 69th SEFMD poster	Large and small poster for school. Please post.
Color	Highlights of 2025 SEFMD	One copy for you to post
Postcard	SEFMD Postcard-General Info	One copy for you to post

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 sf2026@sefmd.org.

Sincerely,

Kathy Kitzmann and Tim Fino
2025-2026 Fair Co-Directors