

2026 Research Plan Grades K-5

Student: _____

Adult Sponsor: _____ Sponsor e-mail: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Start date of this project: _____ (after all approvals obtained below)

Project Description. On an attached sheet of paper include a description of your project. The description should include the following:

- **Title:** Provide a descriptive title to your project to help judges know what the project is about.
- **Resources:** List any books, web-pages, or other materials that you used to learn about your project.
- **Hypothesis:** This is a short testable statement of what you expect the project to show.
- **Equipment:** List what materials or other supplies you will be using in the project.
- **Procedure:** Write out what you plan to do, so that your teacher, parents, and the SRC can understand what you plan to do and can approve it. Discuss any hazards in the project and what you will do to remain safe. Discuss how you will properly dispose of any items after experimentation.

Does your project include (check all that apply):

- ____ 1. Working with hazardous chemicals, activities or devices (such as cleaning fluids, motor oils, projectiles, open flame, or flammable materials, etc.) -
- ____ 2. Working with human subjects.
- ____ 3. Working with any type of animal
- ____ 4. Working with pathogenic agents or controlled substances

If you checked yes to any of the above, work with your supervisor to complete the Risk Assessment Form (3) and submit your research plan and the completed forms to the SRC for approval before starting any experimentation.

STUDENT APPROVAL

I understand the risks and possible dangers to me of the proposed research plan; I will adhere to all the ISEF rules when conducting this research.

Student Signature

Date (before project start date)

ADULT SPONSOR APPROVAL

I have read the research plan and agree to sponsor the student named above and assume responsibility for compliance with all ISEF rules.

Sponsor Signature

Date (before project start date)

PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL

I have read and understand the risks and possible dangers involved in the sponsor approved research plan. I give consent to my child to participate in this research.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date (before project start date)