

## Regional SRC Guidelines

1. Every 4-8 grade student should have these forms in their binder behind their report:

- Adult Sponsor Form 1
- Student Checklist Form 1A
- Approval Form 1B
- Abstract

2. Every 9-12 grade student should have these forms in their binder behind their report:

- Adult Sponsor Form 1
- Student Checklist Form 1A/Research Plan
- Approval Form 1B
- Abstract

3. All projects must have the corresponding special forms if the project required SRC approval before beginning.

Those conditions include but are not limited to:

- Human Participants are used in experimentations
- Animals are used in experimentation
- Microorganisms, rDNA, fresh/frozen tissue, blood, body fluids are present in the experiment
- Hazardous chemicals, activities, or devices are used in experimentation
- A supervisor is required for the experiment - is this person the designated supervisor or a qualified scientist?
- A laboratory setting is needed for the experiment
- If this project is a continuation of an earlier project

### **Items that are not allowed to be displayed in any form:**

- Living organisms including plants
- Soil, sand, rock, cement and/or waste sample (even if encased in a slab of acrylic)
- Taxidermy specimen or parts
- Preserved vertebrate or invertebrate animals
- Human or animal food
- Plant material (living, dead, or preserved) that are in their raw, unprocessed, or non-manufactured state (Exception: manufactured construction materials used in building the project or display)
- All chemicals including water (Projects may not use water in any form or demonstration)
- All hazardous substances or devices (Example: poisons, drugs, firearms, weapons, ammunition, reloading devices, and lasers)
- Items that may have contained or been in contact with hazardous chemicals (Exception: Item may be permitted if professionally cleaned and documented and document for cleaning is available)
- 3-D Printers
- Dry ice or other sublimating solids
- Sharp items (Examples: syringes, needles, pipettes, knives)
- Flames or highly flammable materials (including magnified light sources). A Fresnel Lens cannot be used in conjunction with a light source - it becomes an open flame

- Glass or glass objects unless deemed by the Display and Safety Committee to be an integral and necessary part of the project (Example: glass that is an integral part of a commercial product such as a computer screen)
  - Batteries with open-top cells or wet cells
  - Any apparatus deemed unsafe by the Scientific Review Committee (SRC), the Display and Safety Committee, or KSSEF
  - Apparatuses that produce extreme temperatures
  - Apparatuses that have unshielded belts, pulleys, chains, or moving parts
- \*\*Project sounds, lights, odors, or other display items may not be distracting
- \*Projects can be continued under the table BUT this area is not to be used for storage

Here is the link to the ISEF Rules: <https://student.societyforscience.org/rules-all-projects>