

The Project Display Board

The project display is a critical part of your project's judging. You must make sure that you follow all rules and guidelines for your project's display. These can be found at:

<https://student.societyforscience.org/intel-isef-display-and-safety-regulations#disreg>

No exceptions will be made to the rules. What the rules do not cover is how to make your project display appealing. Here is a list of pointers for making your backboard.

Pointers for an Appealing Display

1. The art teacher is a good resource for pointers to make it visually appealing.
2. The project should be displayed on this board and not on a computer. A computer can be used for certain things-check the rules and guidelines.
3. It is recommended to use only 3 colors for your display. These should be primary colors that are easy to read. Avoid neon colors and multiple colors.
4. You do not need elaborate decorations or lights. Electricity will not be provided.
5. Make sure that the font is large enough to be read at least 3 feet away. The font should be one that is easy to read. The font in this paper-Calibri is a good example of one that is easily read. Times New Roman is a font that is smaller and harder to read.
6. Place information in a logical order. The display should include a title (the same one you put in Scientisteer), research question or hypothesis, materials and procedure, data and graphs, conclusion. If any of these sections are extremely long and will take up too much space, you have the following options. First you can stack sheets on top of each that can be lifted up and read. Do not do more than 3 in a stack. You can put information in a folder labeled on the table.
7. You do not have to display all of your data tables or graphs. Choose the ones that are most powerful. Do have it available to show in a folder on the table.
8. It is neater to use a premade board and you know the size will be correct.
9. Print off all information and labels from a computer. Mount information and labels in a different color than the backboard. Again, do not use too many or neon colors.
10. Make sure any tables or graphs are titled and labeled.
11. Photographs can be used on the backboard, especially if the project set up is large.
Review rules for using and citing photographs.
12. Make sure each topic displayed is appropriate size to fill each section of the board.
13. You do not have to have your bibliography on your board.
14. Do not put your abstract on the board.
15. If your project is a continuation, this form needs to be on the board.
16. Go to the website and look at photographs of displays from previous science fairs.
17. Make sure you use spell and grammar check for anything displayed.
18. Your name, school or teacher's name should not be visible.

What Should Be on the Table.

1. Folders with information that would not fit on the board. Make sure they are labeled.
 - A. The scientific report on your project.

- B. SRC forms and IRB are online. You do not have to print these and have them on the table-the seal on the abstract from the SRC shows you met all requirements there. If human subject project then the test and/or surveys that participants filled out and informed consent forms if required should be in a folder with the project.
 - C. Extra information such as photo's, data tables and graphs
 - D. If you have done an engineering project, then you may want your design drawings.
 - E. If you built something to use in your procedure make sure you have photos or drawings of it. These can be in your logbook.
2. Logbook-judges like to see these. This helps them see it is your original work. This does not have to be rewritten if it looks used. That is the purpose. Feel free to pick up your logbook to refer to and point out things to the judges.
 3. Abstracts-make sure you have copies for multiple judges. Judges will take these, so it is better to have extra. Do not give out to other students around you until the end of judging.
 4. You do not need to bring in items to set in front of your projects. Many of these are against the rules and make the area look messy. Take photographs to show.
 5. The abstract displayed that has the SRC approval seal.