

Science Fair



Timeline

**that you should follow to
complete your project
on time!**

Week 1 Choose a Topic

(Feb. 29 – Mar. 4)

- Choose a topic to investigate or explore
- Make a list of resources (school library, community library, places to write, people to interview)
- Select necessary reading material
- Begin preliminary investigations

Week 3 Set up Experiment

(Mar. 14 – Mar. 18)

- Complete initial research
- Interview experts (teachers, parents, etc.) for more information
- Contact community people as necessary
- Decide how to set up your display unit
- Decide what materials you will use in the display
- Read materials and other necessary resources
- Collect or buy materials for your display
- Begin setting up your experiment or demonstration
- Continue adding information to project notebook
- Work on photographs or illustrations for the display

Week 5 Second Draft and Display

(Mar. 28 – Apr. 1)

- Begin designing charts, graphs, or other visual aids for the display unit
- Complete experiment or collection
- Take final photographs and have them developed
- Write second draft of the report
- Record final observations on any experiment
- Prepare signs, titles, and labels for display unit
- Consult with any experts

Week 2 Investigate and Design

(Mar. 7 – 11)

- Continue library work
- Start a notebook for keeping records
- Begin sketching preliminary designs for your display
- Ask lots of questions
- Set up any experimental designs.

Week 4 Rough Draft of Project

(Mar. 21 – Mar. 25)

- Organize any necessary apparatus
- Continue recording observations in your notebook
- Set up final outline for written report
- Work on first draft of written report
- Start assembling display unit
- Continue recording notes
- Check books, pamphlets, magazines for additional ideas
- Verify information with experts (teachers, professors, scientists, parents)

Week 6 Final Project and Delivery

(Apr. 4 – 8)

- Complete graphs, charts, and visual aids
- Finish constructing your display
- Type or print final draft of written report
- Mount graphs, charts, drawings, photographs
- Assemble components of the display; check against your list
- Proofread your written report
- Set up display at home and check for any problems
- Transport your project to school in preparation for the Science Fair
- Check, double-check, and triple-check everything
- **Pat yourself on the back!**