

# The Purpose of a school, district, county & state Science Fair

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1. To encourage student, parents and teachers to take a more active interest in the study of science by providing a curricular opportunity for students to conduct and publicly present an independent scientific inquiry.
2. To provide an opportunity for students who are interested in science to do science.
3. To encourage and highlight the use of "scientific" process and the fundamental principles of science as students are guided in their development of a topic, complete the required research, and conduct an experiment or inquiry that shows an understanding for many of the processes of science.
4. To encourage parents, teachers and the greater scientific community in the guidance of science students.
5. To make available an opportunity to recognize "student" scientists.
6. To awaken the interest of the public in the scientific ability of its youngest members.
7. To encourage excellence in science and engineering.
8. To present an educational experience for top student participants through exposure to expert judges.
9. To engage the corporate community in recognizing outstanding students in technological and scientific fields.