

Condensed Guidelines for 6 - 12th DPS and Denver Metro Science Fair

If you are only planning to enter the DPS fair, follow the guidelines on the left. The Metro requirements are provided for guidance ONLY. **DPS has no say over any Metro policies. Metro registration is due January 17th, 2018 for Metro.** See their website (<http://denversciencefair.com/>) and contact them for additional Denver Metro Science Fair details.

	DPS	Metro
Project Size	<p>Depth (front to back): 30 inches or 76 centimeters</p> <p>Width (side to side): 48 inches or 122 centimeters</p> <p>Height (floor to top): 36 inches or 92 centimeters</p>	<p>Depth (front to back): 30 inches or 76 centimeters</p> <p>Width (side to side): 48 inches or 122 centimeters</p> <p>Height (floor to top): 36 inches or 92 centimeters</p>
Project Type	All projects must be inquiry-based and have testable questions. No research style or demonstration projects will be admitted. Research papers may accompany the project, however.	
Required Forms	Read DPS information packet; register online	(1) Cover Page; (2) Registration; (3) Media Release; (4) Checklist for Adult Sponsor; (5) Student Checklist; (6) Research Plan; (7) Approval Form, (8) Human Subject Form (if human subjects are used); (9) Abstract [one page, 250 word maximum] and Certification; (10) Regulated Research Institution Form (if applicable); and (11) Qualified Scientist Form (if applicable). These forms are the only ones allowed to be displayed on the display table.
Allowed on display	Photographs with captions. No other materials are allowed.	Acrylic encased samples of rock, soil, etc.; photos if not "offensive" and, if of humans, must include Human Subject Form; mechanical apparatuses if not operated; lasers. No other materials are allowed. All pictures must be cited/captioned.
Team Projects	Team Projects: Maximum of three (3) members. Compete in a separate category. Team membership may not change from fair to fair. One member should be appointed team spokesperson. All team members' names must appear on Registration Form and Abstract Form (only for Metro).	
Other requirements	No other requirements.	<p>Citations must be in APA format.</p> <p>Participants must be present for safety inspections; no changes may be made after inspection; project data book/research papers are recommended; lights/sounds must not be distracting; no food or drink (except small bottle of water for participant); safety committee must approve all technical, audio, or visual equipment; work must be from current year; if project is a continuation of previous work, proper documents and rules apply.</p> <p>Human Subjects: If used, refer to guidelines and review informed consent requirements.</p> <p>Risk Activities: Cannot be more than minimal. Even surveys asking about past abuse, sexual conduct, or emotional stress are more than minimal.</p> <p>Vertebrate Animals: If used, read guidelines for required documentation and proper humane care of vertebrates.</p> <p>Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents: Including microorganisms, rDNA, vertebrate tissues (e.g., blood, frozen tissue, bodily fluids). Read guidelines, as many agents are prohibited.</p> <p>Important! If human, vertebrate, or potentially hazardous biological agents are used, approval committees <u>must</u> approve projects <u>before</u> experimentation begins.</p>