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Dear SME Parents,

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It is Science Fair time! Third through fifth grade students are invited to participate in our school science fair! Participating students should submit their project and all required forms by Monday, November 29, 2021.

Teachers will determine which science fair projects will represent their class in the school virtual science fair held on Thursday, December 2, 2021. Projects at the school level science fair will be judged and three winners will be selected to proceed to the Alamance-Burlington School System District Level Science Fair. The ABSS Virtual District Science Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 2021. Winners from the District Level will be sent to the State Science Fair.

REQUIRED FORMS

The ABSS Virtual District Science Fair requires the same forms as the Region 5 Fair (1, 1A, 1B, Research Plan, Abstract, and 3). The required forms can be found in a fillable PDF version by going to www.societyforscience.org/iseff/forms. Other forms may be required based on the nature of the project. Please refer to [this website](#) for a description of when the forms are required or use the [Rules Wizard](#) to determine exactly what forms are required for specific projects.

Completing the forms should be viewed as a natural part of the scientific process and should be completed before experimentation. (The Abstract is the exception). They are approval forms and should be signed and dated **before** experimentation begins. Please review the forms and website carefully to ensure that the correct forms are present and that all appropriate portions are complete, including adult signatures. [This flowchart](#) may help guide completion of the forms as part of the science fair project development process.

Forms are due to Crystal Bailey by Monday, November 29, 2021. A Google classroom will be shared with you and the student to submit the forms. Failure to turn in the correct forms by the deadline may result in a project's exclusion from judging.

VIRTUAL PROJECT PRESENTATION

Students will be asked to create and share a Google slide presentation in lieu of a science fair project board. A template for this presentation is included at the end of this memo. During the virtual presentation, the judges will have access to the shared presentation as well as any other relevant paperwork.

School winners will receive an email on Tuesday, December 7th with a Zoom link for their virtual science fair presentation to the judges. Presentations will be allowed a maximum time of 10-15 minutes.

Please note, students moving on to the Region V competition will, **at minimum**, need to type or paste the text of their abstract into the STEM Wizard system and submit the required ISEF forms and their presentation as PDFs. Additionally, for projects based on or requiring a demonstration, please be prepared to submit a 1-minute video.

JUDGING

Each project will be judged individually by two judges and their scores will be averaged to determine the final score for each project.

For more information regarding the regional and state science fair rules, go to <http://ncsciencefair.org/>

A great website for project ideas is <https://www.sciencebuddies.org/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Crystal Bailey at crystal_bailey@abss.k12.nc.us.

Sincerely,

Crystal Bailey
Science Fair Coordinator

LINKS	NOTES
<p>Presentation Template (will force a copy)</p> <p>Format Requirements</p>	<p>This presentation template is a Google slide deck with 7 slides - one slide for each required component of the presentation. The final presentation can be no longer than 12 slides.</p>
<p>Fillable PDF version of 2022 ISEF Forms</p> <p>Rules Wizard</p>	<p>A link to the forms (folder or scanned doc) must be submitted for students to be considered for the District Science Fair</p>
<p>ISEF Display and Safety Guidelines</p>	<p>Please pay close attention to what can and cannot be displayed as well as the photograph/image display requirements.</p>
<p>Science Fair Judging Rubric</p>	<p>This rubric is used at the district science fair and can be used at the school level as well. Feel free to share it with your students.</p>