

Issaquah Valley Science Fair Competitive Guidelines

If your child wishes to enter the Science Fair in the **competitive category** he/she must comply with the following rules:

- Only individual projects are acceptable
- Only students in grades 3, 4 or 5 can participate in this category. Grades K – 2 should enter in the participant category
- Each project must include students name, teacher and grade prominently displayed on the project.
- Each project must include a completed Science Investigation Lab attached to the display board. (Stapled to the back is fine)
- Each board must clearly show the scientific method was used and contain a Question, Hypothesis, Procedure, Materials, Data, Results, and Conclusion. (As contained on the Science Investigation Lab)
- Entrants into the competitive category will be **required** to attend the Thursday judging session on March 24. **The named entrant** must be available to answer questions posed by the judges. If the student does not attend the session, the board will be moved to the participant category. Please choose the participant category if you know in advance that you will not meet this requirement.
- Parents cannot do the project for their kids. Parents can supervise when the child is working with sharp objects, heat sources or other potentially hazardous materials. Parents can also generally give guidance in designing and constructing their science fair projects. Parents should offer guidance by asking questions so that the child can figure out their own answers.
- Please remember the goal of the science fair is to have fun. If these guidelines do not work for your family, you may move your board to the participant category at anytime. All entries, regardless of category, will be displayed on Science Fair Night and will receive a participant award & popcorn.
- **Parents will make the decision as to whether their child has followed the competitive entry rules.** If it comes to the attention of the science fair committee that a child has unfairly entered the competitive portion of the science fair their entry will be moved to the participant category and a parent will be notified.