

St. Albans Science Fair Guidelines

Projects:

- A science project is an independent investigation in which a student designs and performs an experiment to answer a question of the student's choice. Students may work in pairs, provided that the nature of the experiment or the quantity of work involved justifies the inclusion of a second person.
- Like any other academic project, the basic design and execution of the experiment should be the student's work. Appropriate parental involvement may include help getting materials, using power tools, helping with measurements, and taking photos.
- The project should be presented at the Science Fair on a self-supporting display board. The student's name and form should be clearly displayed, along with a description of his experimental procedure, his results, and his conclusion.

Judging:

- Each participant will be interviewed by a pair of volunteer judges, who will determine whether the project is worthy of further consideration by the prize committee. The judges evaluate the project for originality, scientific thinking, effort and involvement, and presentation.
- The prize committee can recognize worthy projects at three different levels:

Honorable Mention (certificate)

Outstanding (medal)

Haslam Prize (medal)

There is no set limit on the number of prizes in a given year. The committee may choose not to award a Haslam Prize if no project meets the high standards associated with this award.

Restrictions:

- No live animals may be used in any experiment.
- Displays are limited to 1.5 m in width, .75 m in depth, and 2m in height.

Important Dates:

- In Class Presentations: April 15-19
- Set up and Judging: Wednesday, April 24th
- Grandparents Day and Public Viewing: Thursday, April 25th
- Clean Up and Awards Assembly: Friday, April 26th