



DeKalb Regional Science & Engineering Fair Timeline for Schools

DCSD Webpage: <http://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/regional-science-and-engineering-fair/>

DRSEF Webpage: All students, sponsors, and parents are required to observe the DRSEF Overview Module and complete the DRSEF Checklist.

- All students enrolled in an Advanced Placement science course, an honors/advanced science course, and/or gifted science course are strongly suggested to participate in the local school's science and engineering fair.
- Novice Division (Elementary)** – Maximum of **four** project entries, **Grades 3-5** are eligible
- Junior Division (Middle)** – Maximum of **15** project entries, Grades **6-8** are eligible
- Senior Division (High)** – Maximum of **15** project entries Grades **9-12** are eligible

2025 DeKalb Regional Science and Engineering Fair

January 31- February 1, 2025

Timeline of Important Dates

- **August 22, 2024:** Science Representatives' and Science Department Chairpersons' DRSEF learning opportunity.
- **August 22, 2024- September 30, 2024:** Obtain administrative approval for participation, and school fair procedures and important dates.
 - Complete the intent to participate Form
 - Inform students and parents about the science & engineering fair, review safety and guidance procedures with participants and view safety module.
 - Develop a Fair Committee to support conducting the school science & engineering fair
 - Begin to recruit expert judges for the school science & engineering fair
- **September 30- October 11, 2024:** Teachers collect all required DRSEF paperwork for each project. *Teacher reviews paperwork for completeness; approves standard projects; submits others to Scientific Review Committee (SRC) or Institutional Review Board (IRB). No experimentation can start until projects (s) are approved. **All projects requiring an SRC or IRB committee must be approved before experimentation.***
- **October 21- October 30, 2024:** *Suggested:* Deadline for approval of all SRC/IRB Paperwork at the local school site. Projects can proceed after approved.

- **December 2-6, 2024:** *Suggested* *: FINAL RESEARCH REPORT is due to the local school teacher/sponsor- all experimentation should be complete by this time.
- **December 2-6, 2024:** *Suggested*: Final Poster/Display Presentation due to the local school teacher/ sponsor
- **December 13, 2024:** *Suggested* LAST DAY to hold a school-based fair.
- **December 16, 2024:** All paperwork and files for projects entering the 2024-2025 DeKalb Regional Science and Engineering Fair are due for upload. **Please Note:** The deadline will not be extended.
- DRSEF set-up will be held January 31-February 1, 2025 for Novice division.
- Setup & Competition for Novice Division: January 31, 2025 from 4:00 p.m.- 6:30p.m.
- Setup for Junior & Senior Division: Friday, January 31, 2025 from 4:00pm.- 7:00p.m.
- Junior & Senior Division Competition: Saturday, February 1, 2025 from 8:00am.-12:00p.m.

Location: DCSD Administrative and Instructional Complex (AIC)
1701 Mountain Industrial Boulevard · Stone Mountain, GA

Students in grades 6-12 must participate in a local school fair and DeKalb Regional Science & Engineering Fair to compete at the state and international level.

Georgia Science & Engineering Fair

The 77th Georgia Science & Engineering Fair will be held April 3-5, 2025 at The Classic Center in downtown Athens, Georgia. Researchers in grades 6-12 may qualify for GSEF by advancing from a school level fair to one of the GSEF-Affiliated Regional Fairs across the state, where they may be selected to compete in Athens this spring.

The Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair takes place May 10th – 16th, 2025 – Columbus, Ohio.

Traveling expenses associated with the state and international fair are the responsibilities of the parent/guardians.

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