

How To Prepare A Science Fair Project PRESENTATION TO JUDGES

This is an important part of your project so take the time to plan and practice the presentation you will make to the judges. Plan in advance what you want to say but don't memorize your presentation. Write key phrases or ideas on index cards and use them as a reference but don't depend heavily on them.

Here is an approach you may wish to use for making your oral presentation.

1. Greet the judges and introduce yourself.
2. Give them a copy of your abstract and research paper.
3. Give the title of your project, your grade, school, and sponsor (teacher).
4. Tell how you became interested in this topic.
5. Give some background information about the topic.
6. State the purpose of your investigation.
7. Discuss your review of literature.
8. Describe, in a step-by-step fashion, the procedure you followed for conducting your investigation. Point to sections of your display and refer to charts, graphs, and photographs. If you have equipment on display, allow the judges to examine it.
9. Explain the results of your experiment and be sure to discuss controls and variables. Remember to keep all measurements in metric units.
10. Identify the conclusions that you could logically draw from the experiment.
11. Discuss any future plans you may have to continue research or experimentation related to your topic. Include a few statements about any changes you made in your scientific approach during your early investigation.
12. Ask the judges if they have any questions. Remember, if you don't know an answer, say so and indicate you will look into it. If judges insist on asking questions in unrelated areas, redirect the conversation back to your specific topic.
13. Thank the judges for their time and any suggestions they may have offered to improve your project.

Good manners, nice clothes, and enthusiasm for what you're doing will help to impress the judges. Here are some tips:

1. Wear nice clothes.
2. Be polite and practice good manners.
3. Make good eye contact with your judges and be sure to give each judge your attention. Don't just look at one.
4. Stand up straight and to the side of your exhibit.
5. Speak with enthusiasm, clarity, and assuredness.
6. Don't do anything to distract the judges.
7. Relax, smile and have FUN.