

VISUAL DISPLAY

Every student must have a visual display to accompany his/her project. Science fair display boards are sold at Staples, AC Moore, Binkley's in Medford and many other office supply and craft stores. **You need a tri-fold display board. It can be cardboard or foam.**

Things to remember about your display:

1. Maximum size – here are the guidelines:

Maximum Size of Project

Depth (front to back): 30 inches or 76 centimeters

Width (side to side): 48 inches or 122 centimeters

Height (floor to top): 108 inches or 274 centimeters

1. If your project is very involved, you can attach two standard-size display boards to each other and build a bigger board this way. Just be sure it isn't bigger than the guidelines above. (Also remember, if your board is 9 feet tall, floor to top, the judge isn't going to be able to see the information on the top part of your board!)
2. Your display board should be self-supporting. If it doesn't stand on its own, you have to fix it!
3. Lettering should be clear and legible. Stencils, pre-cut letters, or large computer lettering are good choices.
4. The display should include the title of your project.
5. Graphs, charts, photos, and drawings add to the attractiveness of the display.
7. Use attractive attention-getting colors. Be neat and be orderly, following the steps of the scientific method in your display.
8. Do not clutter your display with unnecessary information. Tell a story. Start with the question, followed by the hypothesis, equipment and procedure used, and end with results and conclusions

The rules and regulations for science fair displays are bountiful! Most of them do not apply to a school level fair like our. But, if you are curious, you can go to this link and read up on the finer details of science fair displays:

<http://www.societyforscience.org/page.aspx?pid=314>