

SOUTH PLAINS REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR PARTICIPATION EQUALIZATION GUIDELINES 2021-2022

Rationale:

In any adjudicated event, it is important that all participants be treated fairly and impartially. Since awards are given by grade to the schools which enter the best overall science projects, it is prudent to ensure that all schools, regardless of composition or enrollment, have the opportunity for recognition. The guidelines attempt to take into account the reasonable expectation that a school with greater enrollment should be able to send more student representatives to the regional science fair than a school with a smaller enrollment. The guidelines also guarantee that smaller schools will be able to compete fairly for the school sweepstakes awards.

GUIDELINES:

The number of student participants per grade per school shall not exceed the following maximums:

GRADE ENROLLMENT	MAXIMUM PARTICIPANTS
0 - 100	5
101 - 300	7
301 - 500	8
500+	11

All entrants may be entered in the physical science section, the biological science section or distributed between the two sections. It is suggested that a more or less equal distribution between the sections is desirable.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, we must limit 4th and 5th grade projects to a total of 3 projects per school. Third grade entries may be allowed on a case-by-case basis. No other grade levels are limited this year.

ALL TEAM PROJECTS shall be limited to no more than TWO students per team.