

SOUTH PLAINS REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR PARTICIPATION EQUALIZATION GUIDELINES 2023-2024

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 projects per grade level per school shall not exceed the following maximums:

| GRADE LEVEL ENROLLMENT | MAXIMUM PROJECTS |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 0 - 100 | 6 |
| 101 - 300 | 14 |
| 301 - 500 | 16 |
| 500+ | 22 |

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.

Note: Schools may petition the fair for additional entries.