

Medical/Mental Health Professionals, Scientists, Engineers and Grad Students!

Please consider helping us to make a difference with the next generation of STEM professionals as they present their high school research projects at the Westchester Science and Engineering Fair Saturday, March 15th at Somers High School and Middle School.

Scan the QR Code below to sign up as a judge or visit www.WESEF.org

Judges must set up a new account on the registration website, even if one was set up last year.

Judge registration requires:

1)email verification 2)completion of PROFILE tab 3)completion of JUDGE CATEGORIES tab.

WESEF is a poster-based, science research competition for high school students throughout Westchester and Putnam. WESEF is the largest high school science fair in the country and will host 800+ students *in-person* at Somers High School and Middle School.

Judges must meet ONE of the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in a graduate program (M.S., M.A., M.Ed, D.O., Ed.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., Ph.D, M.D, etc.). **OR**
- Bachelor's degree + 2 years of job related experience **OR**
- Current professionals holding an advanced degree and working in any of the scientific fields represented at WESEF. This includes school psychologists, social workers, registered nurses, EPA & DEA professionals, etc.

NOT eligible to judge: Current K-12 teachers with the exception of teachers with Ph.D's who are NOT Science Research teachers.

Volunteer to judge the Regeneron Westchester Science and Engineering Fair

Where: Somers High School, 120 Primrose St, Lincolndale, NY
Somers Middle School, 250 Rt 202, Somers, NY

When: Saturday, March 15th
8:30 am - 3:00pm
(Lunch will be provided.)



A certificate for your volunteer service will be issued upon request. Please see www.wesef.org or contact: WESEFjudges1@gmail.com for more information.

Basic Information:

- A light breakfast and catered lunch will be provided
- Each judge will receive a 'thank you' gift from WESEF
- The judging rubric is available in the "For Judges" section of the www.WESEF.org website

The Judging Process

- Judges will interact in a one-on-one format with student researchers as they present their projects via poster board.
- The students will be prepared to give a seven minute, uninterrupted summary of their research. Judges are then permitted 5 minutes for Q&A.
- Judges will then have a 5 minute window to score rubrics and move to the next presentation.
- Judges will submit rubrics electronically using their cell phones. **PLEASE BRING YOUR PHONE FULLY CHARGED so you are ready to go.**
- Under no circumstances should a Judge review a student project, for which there may be a conflict of interest.
- Judges are asked to recuse themselves from any projects where they do not feel they can fairly assess a student project.

Frequently Asked Questions about Judging at WESEF

Q: Is there any special training needed to be a judge?

A: No. However, detailed instructions and the grading rubric/score-sheet will be sent via email. An optional, Zoom-based workshop will also be available. More information will be sent via email.

Q: Will I be able to see the projects I will be judging, in advance?

A: No. Judging assignments may change before or during the fair, for a variety of reasons.

Q: How many projects will I be asked to judge?

A: Approximately 10.

Q: How do I judge/rate/score the students?

A: Judges use an online/digital scoring rubric/score-sheet on their cell phone or tablet and submit after each presentation is completed.

Q: What is the approximate time commitment for the day?

A: From 8:30am to 3:00pm

Q: Do I have to judge a project if the project is out of my knowledge area?

A: No. However, we suggest that you review the poster and grade the project and presentation based on the rubric/score-sheet. If you are still not comfortable with the topic, you can contact the judge liaison in the building and ask for a different project to judge.

Q: Do I have to judge a project if I have a connection/conflict with the school that the student comes from or if I know the student?

A: No. After seeing the poster and the student, you can contact the judge liaison in the building and ask for a different project to judge.

Q: Will food be provided?

A: Yes. A light breakfast and catered lunch will be provided.

If you have additional questions...

Contact us at WESEFJudges1@gmail.com