

Suggested 2021-22 DCSS MS-HS Student Science Fair Timeline

Critical Dates	Item/Event Description
September 17	Deadline for students to return SIGNED parent permission letters.
September 25	Deadline for logbook purchase.
September 30	Topic Deadline/Topic Approval. Checkpoint #1 Worksheet Due Note: If your plans involve human subjects (even if it's just to ask them questions for a survey), animals or animal tissue, micro-organisms, DNA, radiation, controlled or hazardous substances, explosives, or chemicals not generally found in a household, your project has to be approved by the SRC/IRB before you start your project.
October 6	Last day for students to begin background research.
October 8	Last day to submit <u>Project Proposal</u> to your teacher for approval or if teacher cannot approve she/he will submit the proposal to SRC/IRB committee. <u>STUDENTS that have projects submitted to the SRC/IRB cannot begin experimentation until they receive approval from the SRC/IRB.</u>
October 15	Deadline for 3 required GSEF forms needed at region fair (checklist for adult sponsor, research plan 1A, approval plan 1B) http://student.societyforscience.org/forms
October 19	Checkpoint #2 Worksheet Due.
October 21	Final day for the development of the research experiment plan (procedures, etc.) (<i>Teacher Approval</i>)
November 3	Final day for students to begin experiment. Students may begin earlier, but this should be the deadline to start experimentation.
November 19	Rough Draft Due (including cover-page, partial abstract (excluding results), table of contents, introduction, background information, hypothesis, procedures, and materials. Students should exclude results from experiment, as they may still be experimenting) Abstract form at http://student.societyforscience.org/forms
November 30	All Science Fair experimentation should be done.
Set by teacher	Deadline for students to submit virtual project folders. Students/teams should follow the instructions in the guidelines for project submission posted on C&I website.

Dec. 7 th to 14 th	Individual School Science Fairs.
Jan. 4 th – 11 th 2022	Virtual judges review virtual projects.
January 11, 2021	Projects may be set up at the annex (Murray Center) from 3:00-5:30 this afternoon
January 12, 2022	Virtual Interviews. Students will be interviewed by judges in breakout rooms. Google Meets link will be sent. Interview times begin at 5:00 pm and run until 6:30 pm. *students please block off this time.
January 14, 2022	Virtual SEF Award Ceremony. YouTube video released at noon.
TBD.	University of West Georgia Regional Science Fair.