



NINE QUICK TIPS FOR JUDGING



PURPOSE

Our task is to provide students with an **educative experience**, one that turns them ON to science and engineering research.

ASK GUIDING QUESTIONS

We can coach students to accept critique constructively by engaging them in an **inquiry dialogue**.

1. Remember to keep your comments positive and up beat.

Be compassionate with the students, especially those who are not semi-finalists!

2. Disqualify yourself at the slightest hint of a conflict of interest.

Maintain a position of being dispassionate.

3. Each category will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners and up to 10 honorable mentions.

Awards are given relative to the pool of participants.

4. Ask skillful, thoughtful, and insightful questions that help guide the student to discuss their project.

Take the time to read the project abstract BEFORE the Fair.

5. All things being equal originality is superior.

Encourage science and engineering creativity!

6. This is not an art show; *content* is the focus.

The aim of the display is to enhance communication of science and engineering research results.

7. Be Aware: award winning projects include: a journal, proof of literature cited, a well written abstract and a supportable conclusion.

It's not just the project board!

8. Be mindful: not all projects are hypothesis-driven or feature the use of controls.

The important point is the student can justify their conclusion based on evidence presented in the project.

9. Be attentive: try to determine the student's role in completing the project.

Probe how deep the understanding goes; evoke evidence of true talent and capabilities.