



PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct for parents of students participating in AzSEF is intended to ensure a positive, respectful and supportive environment for all participants.

BEFORE THE SCIENCE FAIR:

1. ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT

Provide guidance, share ideas and help with locating resources for their science fair project.

2. REMAIN (MOSTLY) HANDS-OFF

Let your child complete all parts of the project unless there is a part that is deemed “risky” and should be completed by an adult. Please consult AzSEF regulations if your child is considering projects that include human subjects (including surveys), vertebrate animals and potentially hazardous biological agents. Learn more at azscience.org/azsef.

3. DON'T STRESS WINNING OR AWARDS

Focus your conversations on the discovery, excitement and learning of natural phenomena. Arizona's Academic Science Standards are built around the three dimensions of science—core ideas, crosscutting concepts, and science and engineering practices—which when connected, enable students to make sense of the world around them.

ATTENDING AZSEF:

1. RESPECT ALL PARTICIPANTS

Treat all children, parents, educators, judges and staff with respect and courtesy. Refrain from negative comments or behavior.

2. INTEGRITY

Avoid any actions that may give your child an unfair advantage, such as tampering with other projects or influencing judges.

3. SUPERVISION

Ensure your child's health and safety by supervising them when they are not in the judging hall. Parents are to remain outside of the judging hall during official judging times.



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4. RESPECT VENUE RULES

Follow all rules and guidelines set by the event organizers, including designated areas, timing and safety protocols.

5. MODEL GOOD BEHAVIOR

Set a positive example for your child and other participants through your behavior and interactions. Adults are not allowed to be near students during judging. If your child requires special accommodations, please communicate that need to the Fair Director at least two weeks prior to the event. Some accommodations may need documentation of need such as a doctor's note or copy of an IEP.

6. CELEBRATE EFFORTS

Celebrate your child's participation and effort, regardless of the outcome. Focus on the learning experience and growth.

7. PROVIDE FEEDBACK

Provide constructive feedback to organizers to help improve future events.

I have read the Parent Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it. I further understand that failure to **adhere to the Code of Conduct** may result in disqualification of the student project, removal of awards and possible ineligibility to participate in future fairs.

Parent Name (print)

Parent Signature

Date