

Baldwin Elementary Science Fair Packet 2025-2026



Important Dates

All projects due (FIRM): Monday, January 12, 2026

Project Judging: January 14, 2026

Greater Austin Regional Science and Engineering Fair:

February 20th & 21st

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Baldwin Elementary Science Festival 2026

- Registration-Due to Homeroom Teacher on December 15th (last page of this packet).
- Completed Projects-Due January 12th.
 - Take projects to homeroom on January 12th for classroom presentations

Please visit the GARSEF webpage
<https://austinscience.org/>
for more information and forms to download.

Here are the links to the specific documents you might need:

[ELEMENTARY DIVISION HANDBOOK 2025 - 2026](#)

[Elementary Schedule](#)

[Day of Fair FAQ](#)

[Student Checklist](#)

[Display & Safety Checklist](#)

[Research Plan Template](#)

[How to do a Science Fair Project](#)

[Project Board Template](#)

[Judging Criteria](#)

[Austin Public Library helpful info](#)

Continuing in 2026

- The 2026 GARSEF- Greater Austin Regional Science and Engineering Fair- will be back in person at the Palmer Event Center which means that students will need a physical display board. All students will need to be supervised by their parents at all times at the Palmer Event Center.

Individual and team projects

Students may conduct a science project individually or in teams (max 3 students/team.) If team members are in different grades, they will be judged according to the higher grade level.

Other Helpful Information

- 3M Science at Home Experiments [Science Experiments for Kids | 3M Science at Home Program](#)
- Discovery Channel's [Science Fair Central](#)
- [Science Buddies](#)
- American Chemical Society's Parent's Guide [Chemistry Education Resources - American Chemical Society](#)

Timeline for Baldwin Science Fair 2026

December 15th

- Registration Due

January 12th

- Project Due

***A Research Plan must be completed for each project.

January 12th and 13th

- Students will present projects to their class and teacher.

January 14th

- Baldwin's Science Fair will take place
- Students should be prepared to present projects to judges (if OR when judges have questions)

January 15th

- Baldwin's top 3 projects in grade levels 3-5 are notified of awards. K-2 will not be judged, but are welcome to participate.
- The top 3 projects for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are registered and submitted for Austin Energy Regional Science Festival by Ellen Greenwood

February 20th- Friday Fair Setup-

- Students who advance to the Regional Science Fair will need to bring their projects to the Palmer Event Center between 2:00-7:00.

Set up can only be done by student, parent or teacher.

***Students need to be supervised by their parents at all times at the Palmer Event Center.

February 21st- Saturday

- Greater Austin Regional Science and Engineering Fair held

Greater Austin Regional Science and Engineering Fair Schedule:

Feb 21

Exploring Science Open!

9:30 - 1:30 pm

All students need to be supervised while in the Exploring Science area

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| Feb 21 9:30 - 11:15 am | 5th - 6th grade Judging Students should be at their projects 30 minutes early |
| Feb 21 12:00 - 1:45 pm | 3rd - 4th grade Judging Students should be at their projects 30 minutes early |
| Feb 21 2:00 - 4:00 pm | Public viewing of all projects |
| Feb 21 2:30 - 4:00 pm | Elementary Award Ceremony for everyone All students will be called to the stage groups for photos |
| Feb 21 4:00 pm | Project boards are taken down and discarded Please remove any project boards you wish to keep before this time |

This Elementary Research Plan Template MUST BE completed in order for student projects to be accepted and for Students to be allowed to participate in GARSEF.

**Found on the GARSEF website located :
<https://austinscience.org/elementary/forms>**



ELEMENTARY RESEARCH PLAN **TEMPLATE**

This is a Practice Research Plan. You can copy and paste your answers from here to the official online form. Your teacher has that link for you.

Did you work with any of the following:

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| • Growing bacteria or mold of any type | Yes or No |
| • Firearms, explosives or discharge air pressure canister devices (i.e. potato guns) | Yes or No |
| • Causing pain, suffering, sickness or death of an animal | Yes or No |
| • Breaking Local/State/Federal Law | Yes or No |
| • Production of ANY amount of consumable alcohol | Yes or No |
| • Any activity or substance that presents a danger to the student, other people or the environment, including hazardous chemicals or radioactive materials | Yes or No |

(If the answer is YES to any of the items above, you will not be allowed to participate in GARSEF.)

Student(s):

School:

Grade:

Project Title:

Describe your experiment *(What were you trying to do, show, or find out):*

Describe how you did it *(materials and procedure):*

What were your results *(What did you find out)?*

Bibliography: Include at least three scientific sources *(Google, Wikipedia, Encyclopedia do not count):*

What risks were involved?

What safety measures did you take?

Where did you do your project?

Who supervised you?

Did you follow all the **GARSEF** Elementary Rules & Guidelines?

Yes or No

Baldwin Elementary SCIENCE FAIR BOARD IDENTIFICATION FORM

Complete this form and glue it to the center back of your display board.

Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Grade: _____

Project Title _____ ID
_____ (to be assigned)

Complete this form and glue it to the center back of your display board.