

WPHS Science Research Program

WESEF Instructions for Virtual Fair



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SWBAT: Be prepared to present at this year's virtual WESEF fair

WESEF website: <https://www.wesef.org/>

z-Fairs website: <https://ny-wesef.zfairs.com/?login=1&f=4c87b346-b0b0-4ba8-ab11-bea2425f839d>

Timelines & Deadlines (mandatory for WESEF participants):

Today (3/4) & Tomorrow (3/5): Technology Practice (5-10 minutes)

- Thursday 4:00-4:45pm or Friday 2:30-3:15pm
- Make sure you are using a desktop computer (not an iPad or phone)
- Make sure you are using Chrome or Firefox (not Internet Explorer or Safari)
- Login to z-Fairs site using the dummy account "White Plains Students" with password "Test123"
- Click on "Virtual Contest"
- Mrs. Fleming will be your "judge" and we can practice sharing screen, etc.

Monday March 9th:

- **Email Mrs. Fleming photos to be used in the awards ceremony photo montage:**
 - Photos of you presenting your research
 - Photos of you working on your research
 - Photos of you wearing Science Research and/or White Plains gear
 - **LET'S SHOW SOME TIGER SPIRIT!**

Thursday March 11th 11:59pm: (Friday if technical difficulties arise)

- Upload pdf version of your presentation to z-Fairs site
- Login using your personal z-Fairs account information (not the dummy practice account). *Username: FirstnameLastname (no spaces)*
- **Save your pdf version of your presentation with the name "Last name, First name – WESEF 2021".** Make sure it is in landscape/wide format (not portrait/tall).
- Upload the presentation to "Slot #1"
- Upload a yearbook/passport style photo for the award ceremony (optional but encouraged)

Monday March 15th-Thursday March 18th: LIVE WESEF competition

- **All times are 5:00-9:00pm**
- **Schedule for Live presentations:**
 - **Monday, March 15th** – Behavioral Science
 - **Tuesday, March 16th** - Chemistry, Computers, Earth Science, Engineering, Environmental, Math, Physics & Astronomy, Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Plant Science and Animal Science
 - **Wednesday, March 17th** - Biochemistry, Cell & Molecular Biology, Medicine and Health, Microbiology, Neurology
 - **Thursday, March 18th** - **All students must also be available to present between 5:00pm-9:00pm for: tie-breakers, special awards, final judging (if necessary). More information to come regarding this day.**
- On the appropriate day, students will log in to the zFairs site and will be assigned to their own “room”.
- Make sure you are using a desktop computer (not an iPad or phone)
- Make sure you are using Chrome or Firefox (not Internet Explorer or Safari)
- Login using your personal z-Fairs account information (not the dummy practice account). Username: FirstnameLastname (no spaces)
- Students are expected to be present in the virtual "room" for the entire 4 hours (though you will not be speaking for the entire 4 hours).
- Students will be presenting 2 or 3 times to a total of 6 judges.
 - Some judges may be coming in at the same time (2 or 3 judges listening to 1 presentation).
 - Judges will not discuss your presentation with each other but will be required to complete a rubric with a total score. The total score will be used to determine award placement.
- The judges will not be able to see the students forms or personal information, but they will be able to see their uploaded project slides (PDF)
- Students must be in their “digital room”, ready to present from 5:00pm – 9:00pm on their assigned day
- If a student has a conflict, they are NOT allowed to reschedule or make up their time.

Presentation Rules & Guidelines:

- **Students CAN NOT present for longer than 15 minutes**
 - 7-8 minutes for the presentation (recommended)
 - 7-8 minutes for Q & A
- Students will be presenting their pdf version of their PowerPoint presentation
 - **EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE UPLOADED VERSION**
 - No names of mentors, teacher, locations allowed on the presentation
 - No limit on the number of slides presented, as long as it doesn't take longer than 15 minutes

Tuesday March 23rd: WESEF Awards

- Recording of the WESEF Awards ceremony on Monday, March 22nd
- Showing the WESEF Awards ceremony on Tuesday evening, March 23rd
- Award Determination (based on rubric scores)
 - The top 5% in each category will win a 1st place medal and \$125/project
 - The next 10% in each category will win a 2nd place medal and \$100/project
 - The next 10% in each category will win a 3rd place medal and \$75/project
 - The next 10% in each category will win a 4th place medal and \$50/project
- As they do at Regeneron-ISEF, teams must split all prizes among the team members
- 15 non-senior projects will win a spot to present at the (virtual) 2021 International Genius Olympiad (www.GeniusOlympiad.org) as well as an award of \$200
- 20 projects will win a spot to present at the (virtual) 2021 Regeneron-International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) (<https://www.societyforscience.org/isef/>) as well as an award of \$400
- There are many, many additional awards that will be given out based on different criteria set by the sponsoring organization. More information to follow.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Mrs. Fleming

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