

Helpful Hints for Designing Your Display Board

You want to attract and inform. Make it easy for interested spectators and judges to access your study and the results you have obtained. Make the most of your space using clear and concise displays. Make headings stand out, and design graphs and diagrams clearly label them correctly. Leave your glassware and chemicals at home.

Good Title

Your title is an extremely important attention-grabber. A good title should simply and accurately present your research. The title should make the casual observer want to know more.

Take Photographs

Many projects involve elements that may not be safely displayed at the fair, but are an important part of the project. You might want to take pictures of important parts/phases of your experiment to use on your display. If you put pictures of other people, you must have their consent. Do not put any pictures of yourself on your display board.

Be Organized

Make sure your display is logically presented and easy to read. A quick glance should allow anyone to locate the title, the experiment, the results, and the conclusions. When you arrange your display, imagine you are seeing it for the first time.

Pay Attention to Detail

Be sure to adhere to size limitations and safety rules when building your display. Make sure it is sturdy so it will last a long time. Make sure that your name is on the back of your display board.

Be Creative

Make your display stand out. Use colorful headings, charts, and graphs to present your project. Pay attention to the labeling of graphs, charts, diagrams, and tables. Each item should have a descriptive title. Anyone should be able to understand the visuals without further explanation.

Make Sure Your Abstract is on Your Board

All display boards must have the abstract posted in the lower right corner of the board.

Proofread

Make sure to carefully review all of the materials you put on your display board.

Table Space

Don't forget the table space. You may have more than just the display board to show off your project. You should also include your logbook, research paper, and any appropriate models on the table space in front of your display.

Do Not Use Double Sided Tape

Rubber Cement works well, make sure you have parent supervision.

Fill in Empty Spaced on your Board with pictures or diagrams

The Display

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| <u>Problem/ Purpose/ Question</u> | <u>Project Title</u> | <u>Results</u> |
| <u>Hypothesis</u> | Data | <u>Conclusion</u> |
| <u>Procedure</u> | Charts, Tables, Graphs, Pictures | <u>Abstract</u> |

A Sample Display Board – Does not have to be exactly like the diagram above.

DO:

- Use computer-generated graphs
- Display photos representing the procedure and the results
- Use contrasting colors
- Limit the number of colors used
- Display models if possible
- Attach your charts neatly
- Balance your materials on your display board, distribute them evenly

DON'T:

- Leave large empty spaces on the display board
- Leave the table in front of your display board empty
- Make your title difficult to read
- Hand-print letters on your display board
- Attach folders that fall open on the display board
- Make mistakes in spelling words
- Have faces in any pictures on your board
- Do not write directly on the board