

2026 - 2027 Junior Science & Humanities Symposium Statement of Outside Assistance

Students submitting their research to JSHS must complete this form in full and submit with their registration.

Answers to each question should be as detailed as possible. Please type “N/A” in any field that is “not applicable” to your research. The text boxes are designed to create a scroll bar for long responses. Students are allowed to attach additional pages if more space is needed, provided that the additional text response is clearly labeled to correspond to the question(s) on this document.

Projects conducted without proper supervision as outlined in the Core Rules of Competition will be disqualified from both regional and national competition. Further guidelines may be found at <http://www.jshs.org> and in the [Core Rules of Competition](#).

To be Completed by Student Participant:

Name:

Title of Project:

School:

Teacher or Mentor Name:

Teacher or Mentor Phone Number & Email:

Regional Symposium: Georgia

1. Please explain your role in the development of the project idea.

**2. What steps led you to formulate your research question?
– or – What steps led you to develop the design for your project?**



- 3. Where did you conduct the majority of your work? If it is an institutional setting, list the name and the specific laboratory senior scientist, if applicable.**
(e.g., home, school, or other institutional setting such as university lab, medical center, the Smith laboratory, etc.)

- 4. Describe any assistance that you received throughout the project.**

- 5. If you conducted your research in an institutional setting (i.e., university lab, medical center, etc.), Please describe your role on the team AND what other roles were played in the research investigation.**
(e.g., conducted research independently or under the direct supervision and guidance of the laboratory's major professor, post-doctoral researcher, graduate student, etc.)

6. **Describe what parts of the research you did on your own and what parts where you received help.** (e.g., literature search, hypothesis, experimental design, use of special equipment, gathering data, evaluation of data, statistical analysis, conclusions, and preparation of written report (abstract and/or paper))
7. **Was any data set from an outside source (literature, handbooks, publicly available or privately shared tables, etc.) used in the research? If so, what data set(s) was used and from where was it sourced? What was its purpose in this research?**
8. **Was the data set sourced outside this research the only way to obtain the data required for the research? Please explain.**

9. Is this research a continuation of a project that you previously submitted to JSHS? If so, describe how you have expanded your research.

10. If this is a continuation project, please provide your previously submitted abstract below and include the year it was previously submitted.

11. Did you utilize any form of AI in your research or paper? If so, explain what tools were used AND for what purpose.

12. Is there an IRB determination on file for this research?

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Yes

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No

13. Provide the IRB determination details including IRB number, name, institution, and dates.

14. Provide full details about the processes and procedures utilized for your research, including obtainment/procurement, usage & disposal of materials.

Required comments from supervising teacher or mentor:

Comments by **teacher and/or supervising mentor** on the students' individual contributions to the research investigation or engineering/computer science project. *If no Teacher or Mentor/Scientist was involved the **Parent/Guardian** must complete this section describing their role in the research.*



Statement by the **teacher and/or supervising mentor** acknowledging that the student conducted the research in accordance with proper procedures and protocols for the conduct of animal research or human research. *If no Teacher or Mentor was involved, the **Parent/Guardian** must complete this section.*

The **student must sign below. After completing the required statements above, the teacher, and/or supervising mentor must sign below. If you did the work without a teacher or supervising scientist, a parent/guardian must complete the statements above and sign below.**

_____ Date	_____ Signature of Student (required)	_____ Student's High School
_____ Date	_____ Signature of Teacher	_____ Teacher's High School
_____ Date	_____ Signature of Supervising Mentor	_____ Name of Supervising Mentor
	_____ Title of Supervising Mentor	_____ Institution of Supervising Mentor
_____ Date	_____ Signature of Parent (required only if no Teacher or Mentor was involved in the research)	_____ Name and Phone Number of Parent