**GEORGIA FAIR PARTICIPATION POLICY**

All eligible middle and high school students in the state of Georgia should have access to the Science and Engineering Fair System regardless of the type of school they attend, including public, private, charter, magnet, home, and cyber schools, in accordance with state and federal laws. Regional Fairs are supported, coordinated, and sustained by colleges/universities, school boards, RESAs, STEM organizations, and/or other stakeholders local to the geographic region served. They affiliate with the Georgia Science & Engineering Fair (GSEF) to become part of the science fair system and allow students to advance to the state-level fair.

**SCHOOL-LEVEL FAIRS: Determining Where Students Exhibit**

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<td>Participating school</td>
<td>Students who attend schools that offer a science fair must exhibit at that school fair.</td>
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<td>Individual students who attend schools that do not offer a science fair should follow the instructions below for independent home school students.</td>
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<td>Independent home or cyber school</td>
<td>Independent home/cyber school students must request to participate in the School Fair of the public school to which they would have been assigned according to their legal place of residence. The request should be made before October 1st. If that school does not offer a science fair, the student must contact the next closest school within the Region of the student’s legal place of residence, as measured by Google Maps shortest distance. If this second school also does not offer a science fair, contact the appropriate Regional Fair Director for further instructions. The decision of the Regional Fair Director is final. Attempts at “fair shopping” may result in disqualification.</td>
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<td>Recognized home or cyber school group</td>
<td>A recognized home/cyber group of sufficient size* may elect to request that its own school-level fair (including a properly constituted SRC/IRB), be considered for affiliation with the Regional Fair of the Region in which it exists. The request should be made before October 1st. Affiliation decisions are at the discretion of the Regional Fair Director. If the Regional Fair agrees to affiliate the new fair, students of that home/cyber school group may advance to Regional only through that fair; no individual student from that group may try to advance to any Regional Fair by any other path -- attempts to bypass this rule may result in disqualification of the individual and revocation of the group’s affiliation.</td>
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*Contact Regional Fair or GSEF for definition.

**REGIONAL FAIRS: Determining Where Students Exhibit**

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<td>Public, private, charter, or magnet school, or an affiliated home/cyber group</td>
<td>A student who attends any of these schools may exhibit only in the Regional Fair in which the school is located.</td>
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<td>Recognized home or cyber school group whose fair is officially affiliated with a Regional Fair</td>
<td>Student may exhibit only in the Regional Fair with which their group’s school fair is officially affiliated.</td>
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**A Note Regarding Teams:** Per ISEF regulations, if a project involves a team, then the assigned Regional Fair of the designated Team Leader is the only Regional Fair in which the team may participate.

A team member or leader who moves out of a region after a project is completed, or nearly completed, may exhibit at the Regional Fair with the team, provided they have not done a subsequent science project at the new school and entered the project into any level of science fair.

**Teams in which one team member attends school out-of-state:** 1) may not be eligible for competition in a Regional Fair; contact the Regional Fair of the in-state team member for clarification; 2) may be eligible to compete at GSEF provided the Regional Fair has selected the team to advance, but may not be eligible to receive certain special awards; and 3) must designate a student who attends school in-state as the Team Leader.

Per ISEF regulations, “Students may compete in only one ISEF affiliated fair, except when proceeding to a state/national fair affiliated with ISEF from an affiliated regional fair.”
Student researchers in Georgia may qualify for the Georgia Science & Engineering Fair (GSEF) by advancing from the Regional Fair serving the county in which the student’s school is located. See Fair Participation Policy (page 1) for details.

GSEF is an official affiliate of the Regeneron International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF). Some Georgia Regional Fairs are also directly affiliated with ISEF; these are denoted with an asterisk (*).

GSEF  | Georgia Science & Engineering Fair *
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Statewide fair. All participants qualify from a Regional Fair.
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COBB  | Cobb/Paulding Regional *
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COLUMBUS  | Columbus Regional
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Chattahoochee, Harris, Marion, Muscogee, Schley, Talbot
TBD; check back for update.
For regional fair eligibility, all grade 6-12 projects must adhere to the ISEF Rules for Pre-College Science Research.

ATLANTA  | Atlanta City Regional *
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CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER  | Central Savannah River Regional
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Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Jefferson, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Tatlafero, Warren, Wilkes
For 2023-2024, these counties will feed into the Georgia College Regional Fair.

CLAYTON  | Clayton County Regional *
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FULTON  | Fulton Regional
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Fulton County (schools not in Atlanta Public School System)
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GEORGIA COLLEGE  | Georgia College Regional *
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Baldwin, Bibb, Hancock, Jasper, Jones, Monroe, Putnam, Twiggs, Washington, Wilkinson
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Thank you to Georgia Highlands College for taking over as host of the 2023-2024 Northwest Georgia Regional Fair.

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