



GEORGIA REGIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIRS



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 [page 4](#) for guidance on which school and regional fairs a student should attend to be eligible. See [How to Qualify for GSEF](#) for more information about eligibility.

Georgia Science & Engineering Fair (GSEF) *

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ABAC Regional



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Atlanta City Regional *



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CSRA

Central Savannah River Regional

Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Jefferson, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Taliaferro, Warren, Wilkes

These counties will feed into the Georgia College Regional (GCSU) for the 2024-2025 season.

For regional fair eligibility, all grade 6-12 projects must adhere to the [ISEF Rules for Pre-College Science Research](#).

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Clayton County Regional *

Clayton County

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GCSU

Georgia College Regional *



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GRIF**Griffin RESA Regional ***

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HTGA**Heart of Georgia Regional**

Bleckley, Dodge, Johnson, Laurens (incl. Dublin City), Montgomery, Pulaski, Telfair, Treutlen, Wheeler, Wilcox

If you have information that may help re-establish a Regional Fair for these counties, please contact gsef@georgiacenter.uga.edu.

Redistributions: *Bleckley, Pulaski: Houston Regional*
Laurens, Johnson: Georgia College Regional
Wilcox, Dodge, Telfair: ABAC Regional
Treutlen, Montgomery, Wheeler: SGSC Regional

HNRV**Henry Regional ***

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HOUS**Houston Regional ***

Crawford, Dooly, Houston, Macon, Peach, Taylor

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NEGA**Northeast Georgia Regional**

Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Walton, White

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NWGA**Northwest Georgia Regional**

Bartow, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Dade, Dawson, Fannin, Floyd, Forsyth, Gilmer, Gordon, Lumpkin, Murray, Pickens, Union, Walker, Whitfield

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SAVA**Savannah State Univ. Regional**

Bryan, Bulloch, Candler, Chatham, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Glynn, Jenkins, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Screven, Tattnall, Toombs, Wayne

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SGSC**South Georgia State College Regional**

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SWGA**Southwest Georgia Regional**

Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole, Stewart, Sumter, Terrell, Webster

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UWGA**West Georgia Regional**

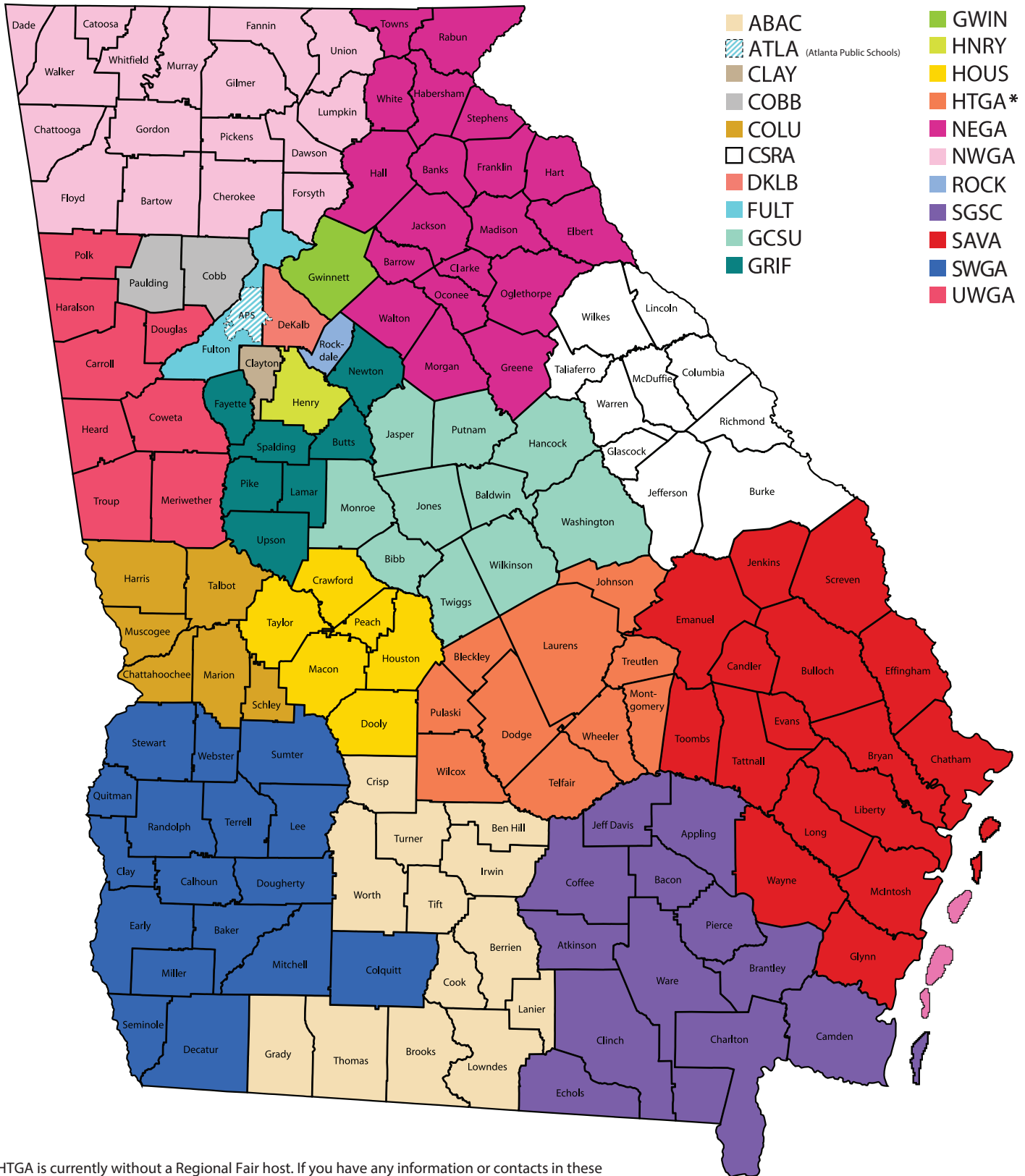
Carroll, Coweta, Douglas, Haralson, Heard, Meriwether, Polk, Troup

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Georgia Science and Engineering Fair Regions

State Regions



* HTGA is currently without a Regional Fair host. If you have any information or contacts in these counties that may be of assistance in re-establishing a Regional Fair, please contact 706-542-6473 or GSEF@georgiacenter.uga.edu.

School & Regional Fair Participation Policy

To be eligible for the statewide [Georgia Science & Engineering Fair \(GSEF\)](#), Georgia students in grades 6-12 must 1) Conduct STEM research in compliance with the [ISEF Rules & Guidelines](#), and 2) Compete in a school fair and be selected by that fair to advance to the appropriate GSEF-affiliated **Regional Fair**; and 3) Compete in the Regional Fair and be selected by that Regional Fair to advance to GSEF.

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 FAIR

Students must exhibit at a school fair before being considered for a Regional Fair. Each Regional Fair has additional eligibility requirements; contact your Regional Fair for details.

TYPE OF SCHOOL STUDENT ATTENDS	WHICH SCHOOL FAIR STUDENT SHOULD ATTEND
	<i>A "participating school" is a school that offers a science fair in accordance with requirements set by the Regional Fair.</i>
Participating school	Students who attend schools that offer a science fair must exhibit at that school fair.
Non-participating school	Individual students who attend schools that do not offer a science fair should follow the instructions below for independent home or cyber school students.
Independent home or cyber school	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 1 st . 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 (see map) for further instructions. The decision of the Regional Fair Director is final. Attempts at "fair shopping" may result in disqualification.
Recognized home or cyber school group	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 1 st . 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.

REGIONAL FAIR

Students must exhibit at a school fair before being considered for a Regional Fair. Each Regional Fair has additional eligibility requirements; contact your Regional Fair for details.

TYPE OF SCHOOL STUDENT ATTENDS	WHICH REGIONAL FAIR STUDENT SHOULD ATTEND
Public, private, charter, or magnet school, or an affiliated home/cyber group	A student who attends any of these schools may exhibit only in the Regional Fair in which the school is located.
Independent home or cyber school	Student may exhibit only in the Regional Fair of the region in which the student's legal place of residence is located.
Recognized home or cyber school group whose fair is officially affiliated with a Regional Fair	Student may exhibit only in the Regional Fair with which their group's school fair is officially affiliated.

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 a team member attends school out-of-state: 1) may 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 be ineligible for certain awards; and 3) must designate a student who attends school in-state as the Team Leader.

Students may compete in only one ISEF-affiliated fair, except when advancing to a State Fair from a Regional Fair in that state.