



2009 Student Checklist

How to Participate in the Beal Bank Dallas Regional Science & Engineering Fair

Benefits of participating in the Beal Bank DRSEF

- It focuses attention on the scientific experience in school.
- It stimulates interest in scientific investigation beyond that covered in the classroom.
- It highlights and rewards scientific talent through exhibition and demonstration.
- It provides constructive suggestions for science students and teachers.
- It recognizes teachers for their outstanding contributions.
- It stimulates public interest in the scientific abilities of students.
- It gives students an opportunity to win awards and prizes.

Step 1:

Identify a Topic
Jun – Nov. 2008: Identify a topic, start your research, and formulate your hypothesis. All public and private school students, grades 7-12, from Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Fannin, Grayson, Hunt, Kaufman, and Rockwall counties (TEA Region X) are eligible to participate.

Step 2:

Complete ISEF Forms
Jun – Nov. 2008: After identifying a topic, **but before you begin your experimentation,** go to the ISEF Forms Wizard (linked from DallasScienceFair.org) and fill out the required forms; this ensures you are following the necessary safety procedures. Be careful about dates on the forms. Give a **copy** of the forms to your teacher and keep the originals safe.

Step 3:

SRC Forms Approval
Deadline Nov. 14 2008: If your experiment requires Scientific Review Committee (SRC) approval - *for example, if you are working with bacteria* – before the deadline your teacher must request approval from the SRC. You may **not begin your experiment** until you have received final SRC approval. Forms returned from the SRC with approval signatures become your new originals. Always retain the latest original; send only copies.

Step 4:

SRC Forms Revision
Deadline: Dec. 12 2008: If the SRC requires revisions to your experiment, you must revise your forms and have your teacher resubmit **copies** to the SRC for approval before the deadline.

Step 5:

Participate in School Fair

Step 6:

Register for the DRSEF

Strict Deadline: Feb. 13, 2009: If you are a “winner” at your fair and are selected to represent your school at the DRSEF, you may go online to DallasScienceFair.org to register your project. Be sure to **print a copy of your confirmation page** and bring it to the DRSEF; this serves as proof that you registered before the deadline. For a **team project**, only one member of the team fills out the registration form. No late registration will be accepted.

Step 7:

Verify Registration

From Feb 20, 2009: You may check that your registration has been approved by your teacher by going to DallasScienceFair.org **If there is a problem, contact your teacher (not DRSEF) immediately.**

Step 8:

Participate in the DRSEF

Feb 28, 2009: Refer to the website for the day-of-fair student information.

IMPORTANT: To compete in the DRSEF, you must bring to the Fair check-in either an SRC Approval Form that your district will give you or a copy (not the original) of all your signed ISEF/SRC forms.