

## Science Fair Coach Duties

- Carefully review and follow the guidelines in the KCSOS Official Rules handbook paying close attention to the restricted project rules.
- Attend the KCSOS Orientation on 9/18/25 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom or watch the recording of the meeting.
- Teach the process and structure of a university-style research poster to the students.
- Assist students with the selection of topics that meet all KCSOS guidelines.
- Get principal's approval on all topics.
- Guide students through the process of completing their projects using all parts of a university-style research poster (Title, Introduction/Research Question, Background Research/Literature Review, Materials and Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusion, and References).
- Ensure projects are completed under safe conditions. Do not allow experiments to be completed without the proper adult supervision and safety measures in place.
- Make sure students are recording all of their results in a logbook (times and dates of what they have done).
- Assist students with writing their abstracts.
- Help students design their project boards.
- Hold practice interviews with the students to prepare for the Science Fair.
- Submit paperwork on time to register for the DUSD Science Fair.
- Coaches are responsible for registering students that are selected to advance to the Kern County Science Fair. Registration must be completed in the online system by January 16, 2026.
- Provide additional support to students advancing to the Kern County Science Fair by editing/improving projects and presentations.