

Illinois Junior Academy of Science Region 6 Science Fair

Poster Session

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2026

Time: 8:00 am- 3:00 pm

**Location: Wheeling High School
900 S Elmhurst Rd, Wheeling, IL 60090**

Important Information for Students and Parents

Schedule

8:00 am: Students should begin arriving to set up their projects. **Do not drop your students off before 8:00 am.** They will not be allowed in the school building before the scheduled time. Students should proceed to their project location to set up their project boards. Parents are allowed in the school during setup, but should depart immediately after.

8:00 am - 9:00 am: Continental breakfast for judges in the cafeteria. If you are judging, please arrive no later than 8:30 am for the Judges Meeting.

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8:30 am - 9:30 am: Safety judging. Most projects will be safety-judged before the fair. Only projects that have safety concerns will be judged on the day of the fair.

9:00 am - 12:00 pm: General Session and Special Awards judging. If students need to be judged first, they should notify their judging team. Please note that not every project will be judged for a Special Award. **Parents should NOT be present during judging. You have 3 options:**

- a. Volunteer to judge - no experience needed
- b. Wait in the Commons Area
- c. Take Elmhurst Rd north to the Wheeling Town Center or south to Randhurst Village for shops, restaurants, etc.

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm: Lunch for all students. Options for purchase will be available in the cafeteria or families are welcome to leave campus and come back afterwards.

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Trivia contest with prizes in the cafeteria.

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm: Awards Ceremony will be held in the Main Gym.

Additional Information

Parking

Parking is available in both the front and back parking lots at Wheeling High School. School doors on both sides will be open.

Choose to Volunteer

If you decide at the last minute that you would like to volunteer to help with the fair, please check in at the welcome desk in the main hallway.

Awards Ceremony

Students do not have to remain for the awards ceremony at 2:00 pm. Sponsors can pick up awards for students who need to leave for other commitments.