

# York County Science and Engineering Fair

## SRC Guidelines

SRC approval is required for projects involving vertebrate animals and biological agents. Students **MUST** complete their paperwork and receive approval ***PRIOR*** to starting their work. Students / Teachers will submit their forms electronically. Students will keep the original copy of their forms and bring them to Fair Setup.

### Notes:

- Project forms should be typed
- All BSL-1 projects must take place at school; cannot be done at home
- If an animal dies, the research must stop and determination be made as to the cause of death

### Procedure for SRC Approval

1. Student completes the forms located at <https://student.societyforscience.org/forms>.
2. Students can download these forms from the ZFairs site: <https://ycsef.zfairs.com>.
3. Forms should be typed. At a minimum students must complete
  - a. Form 1 – Identifies the Adult Sponsor who might be the teacher
  - b. Form 1A – This is the Student Information page. Note that the abstract will be attached after the experimentation
  - c. Research Plan – This must be submitted for approval. The guidelines for the research plan are on Form 1A but includes
    - Rationale
    - Hypothesis, Research Question
    - Research Methods - Procedures, Risk and Safety assessed, Data Analysis to be used
    - Bibliography with 5 major references
  - d. Form 1B – This must be signed by the Student and Parent; SRC Chair will sign when approved.
  - e. Additional Forms may be needed
    - i. Form 5 for Vertebrate Animals
    - ii. Form 6A for using Biological Agents
    - iii. Form 6B for Human or Animal Tissue
4. Student or Teacher should scan all of the forms including the Research Plan. Each file should contain only ***1 project***. Please name the file using this convention: SchoolID\_LastName
  - a. School IDs – BS, CY, DC, DT, DTMS, RL, StF, SG, SW, YCD, YCath, YSMS, YSub
5. Forms should be uploaded to the zfairs site. Students and / or teachers can upload files.
6. If you cannot upload forms, then email to Val Stone at [stonev@rlasd.net](mailto:stonev@rlasd.net).