

WETENSKAP-EXPO 2024

As jy wil deelneem aan die Landswye Wetenskap-Expo moet jy inskryf by mev. Turkstra VOOR 19 April 2024. Die verpligte eerste rondte is op 4 Mei 2024 by South Peninsula High School. Kom bespreek gerus jou idees met my, dan kyk ek waar ek kan help!

This year, the Expo for Young Scientists has announced that all learners MUST participate in a District Expo (in Term 2) in order to possibly qualify for participating in the Regional Expo to be held in August. This email is being sent to you so that your learners can enter a 2024 District Expo. Please read the whole email before entering your school in a Cape Town District Expo.

Please take note of the following:

- 1. District Expos are a preliminary round of the Expo for Young Scientists Competition and learners need to participate in one of our 2 District Expos so that they can possibly be selected to participate in the CapeTown Expo Regional Science Fair in August. This means that you cannot directly enter learners into the Regional Science Fair in August anymore.**
- 2. The two Cape Town District Expos will be held on Saturday 4th May and on Saturday 18 May.**

- **A school should ideally only enter one District Expo.**
- **Learners who enter the District Expo will receive participation certificates.**
- **The ideal number of projects to enter is 10. However, if you have more than 10 projects - please email us.**

3. **A District Expo project will have the following completed hard copy documents and parts:**

- a completed and signed **research plan** - this can go into the Expo folder
- a completed **learner ethics checklist** - this can go into the Expo folder
- **a letter from ethics@exposcience.co.za if relevant** - this can go into the Expo folder
- a signed **plagiarism form** - this can go into the Expo folder
- a **report** completed up to and including at least one paragraph of the discussion - this can go into the Expo folder.
- an up to date **separate journal (either an exercise book or a printed typed journal.)**

AND:

Social Science Projects - a completed and approved survey questionnaire, a permission letter from the principal of the school, and 100 completed questionnaires

- Engineering Projects - a fully labelled prototype design to scale of prototype 1 and a prototype 1 model which should be tested as well
- Scientific Investigation Projects - results of at least 4 experiments and if relevant, permission letters.

3. At the District Expo, **Selectors will assess the projects to see if they qualify for the Regional Science Fair as well as give the learners valuable feedback .**

- The forms used at the District Expo are attached for your information.
- You can use the Learner Feedback Form as a checklist - *reminder that Posters are NOT needed at the District Expo nor are Abstracts needed.*

4. By the end of May, schools will be informed which of their learners have qualified to enter the Regional Science Fair. This will give enough time to upgrade the project to Regional Standard. Schools of selected learners will still need to enter learners into the Regional Science Fair.

5. Training: Invitations will be sent out later this week.

Teachers will be trained virtually on Zoom on Wednesday 17 April at 3.30pm. This session will be about entering a District Expo and how to get the learner's projects ready. If you are an experienced Expo Judge and would like to volunteer your services as a District Expo selector, please email Olga at admin@ctexpo.org.za Teachers will also receive training about the Regional Expo during the District Expo.

6. In order for us to plan, **please complete the form and select the District Expo for your choice by latest 8am on Friday 19 April.**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOQw6ZyCDE1ETWuOzXr3vrIkaCG5LkluJ4tsMsVoMV3fCM8A/viewform>
Please send all questions about District Expos to admin@ctexpo.org.za

Kind regards,

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