

## Participation in a school science fair

Participation in a school science fair provides exciting and challenging learning experiences for children. It allows them to investigate a problem of interest and to share their enthusiasm and results with others. Children are naturally curious and tend to ask questions like "Why does that work?" and "How does that work?" The science fair project gives children an opportunity to identify an interesting problem and a chance to carry out an investigation and solve it. While doing their investigative projects, children build self-esteem and self-confidence. They gain knowledge, and develop science process and critical thinking skills. These skills and this knowledge will help them identify and creatively solve daily problems as well as live more comfortably and successfully in a changing world.

The following helpful and positive actions will be most appreciated by your child and makes him a creative.

1. **Encourage** your child to participate in the school's science fair.
2. **Express** interest and provide support to your child throughout the duration of the project.
3. **Offer** to take your child to libraries, computer labs, or other places to obtain information for his or her science project.
4. **Help** your child obtain materials needed for the project.
5. **Read and discuss** The Problem-Solving Model / working Model with your child.
6. **Emphasize** science safety to your child throughout the investigative project.
7. **Encourage** your child to complete the project on time.
8. **Assist**, if necessary, in transporting the project to and from school.
9. **Contact** your child's teacher if you have any questions about the project or the science fair.
10. **Praise** your child for his or her effort and accomplishment at the completion of the project.

**Parent + Child + School + Teacher / Mentor = Successful Science Student.**