



Policy on Student Exhibitor Attendance at MSSEF

Students registered for the Massachusetts State Science & Engineering Fair are expected to participate in all aspects of the 2-day fair.

Friday Morning – Registration

Students must arrive between 7:30AM-8:30AM on Friday morning for registration, safety checks, SRC checks, photographs, etc. Students who have registered during “Early Registration” on Thursday afternoon may arrive by 8:45AM. Students need to bring a lunch with them, so they may eat lunch at their project locations.

Friday Afternoon – Judging

MSSEF is not able to accommodate early or late judging due to the size and scope of the fair. All students are expected to remain at their project until judging officially ends at 6:00 pm. A MSSEF representative will announce when students may leave. Any student or team member deciding to arrive once judging has begun or leave prior to 6:00 pm could have his/her scores and awards nullified if a judging issue regarding his/her project surfaces and the student or team member is not present to address the issue. All members of a team project must be present to compete. Teams that are missing members for any reason will be disqualified.

Saturday Morning – Tours and Special Programs

Students and their family members are invited to the special morning tours of MIT Labs (students have priority) and related programs, including a lively panel on Career Opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering & Math.

Saturday Afternoon – Public Exhibition & Awards Ceremony

Students are expected to remain by their project during the public exhibition (12:30PM-3:00PM) and attend the awards ceremony (3:30PM-5:30PM). Students should sit in the front of the auditorium. Please see the Policy on Potential Conflicts with SAT/AP Exams on our website. Conflicts with testing may be eliminated if alternative accommodations are utilized.

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