

NORTHEAST INDIANA REGIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR

Saturday, March 21, 2026

PURDUE UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE

Walb International Ballroom



PARENTS: Please check display rules on the Fair website neirsef.org prior to set up for the Fair.

REGIONAL FAIR SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

4:00 – 5:30 PM **EARLY DISPLAY SET-UP AND INSPECTION** for those who prefer to set up their displays Friday night instead of Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

7:45 – 8:30 AM Student arrival for those who need to complete display set-up & inspection. **If display was set-up & inspected on Friday, the student does not need to arrive until 8:40 AM.**

8:45 AM ALL students seated at their display. Parents proceed to seated locations.

8:50 – 9:00 AM **Welcome** to parents and students.

9:00 – Break **JUDGING: Round One** International Ballroom
ONLY Fair and Special Award judges and participants allowed in the display area during this time. Judges visit as many student displays as possible before break.

10:30– 10:50 AM **Morning Break** Students get a snack, visit with parents, and use the restroom, but must stay in close vicinity to be called back to their display location.

10:50-11:00 AM (approximately) Students return to check if judges request that they stay for additional interviews in Round Two. Students who do *not* receive this request are *dismissed* to parents. The request to stay **does not indicate** whether a student *will* or *will not* receive an award. Those requested to stay require additional interview(s) by a Fair or Special Award judge. *All those requested to stay will be interviewed **at least once more** during Round Two.*

11:00 – Noon **JUDGING: Round Two** Judging continues for those not released. Round Two students are dismissed *as a group* at noon.

11:10 – 1:00 PM **CELEBRATION OF STEM** Walb 1st Floor and Atrium
All are welcome! The PFW College of Science, College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science, AQUA Indiana, Science Central and other Fair sponsors will have live demonstrations.

Noon – 1:00 PM **Public Display Viewing** International & Classic Ballrooms
At the conclusion of Round 2 Judging for grades 4-12, display boards for all grades are available for public viewing.
K-5 students are encouraged to leave their project boards on display, but may take their project boards at any time after 12:00 noon.

1:00 – 1:15 PM **Display Removal** from International Ballroom for grades K-5 ONLY. All K-5 project boards must be removed by 1:30 pm.

1:15 – 2:00 PM **AWARD CEREMONY (Grades K-5)** LA 159

1:00 – 4:00 PM Classic Ballroom CLOSED for category judge deliberations (6-12).