



NORTHEAST INDIANA REGIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR

Saturday, March 21, 2026

PURDUE UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE
Walb Classic 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** Judges & participants only allowed in display area. During this phase of judging, the grade (elementary), category (junior/senior) and special award judges visit as many student displays as possible before morning break.

10:30 – 10:50 AM (approximately) **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. A time to return will be announced.

11:00 – Noon **JUDGING: Round Two** Judging continues for those not released. Those requested to stay require additional interview(s) by a Fair or Special Award judge. 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.
6th-12th grade displays must remain in Classic Ballroom until 4:00 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).

4:00 – 4:45 PM **DISPLAY REMOVAL** from Classic Ballroom for grades 6-12 .
All project boards must be removed by 4:45pm.

5:00 – 6:15 PM **AWARD CEREMONY (Grades 6-12)** LA 159