

71TH ANNUAL NORTHEAST INDIANA REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026
WALB STUDENT UNION



NEIRSEF

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
FORT WAYNE

University Research
and Innovation

GRADES K-3

9-11 A.M. JUDGING

Walb International Ballroom North

11 A.M. K-3 STUDENT DISMISSAL

K-3 dismissal by wristband ONLY

11 A.M.-1 P.M. CELEBRATION OF STEM

Walb 1st floor corridor and atrium

NOON-1 P.M. PROJECT BOARDS OPEN TO PUBLIC

Walb Classic & International

AQUA Indiana, PFW College of Science, PFW College of Engineering, Technology, & Computer Science, Science Central

1-1:15 P.M. K-5 PROJECT BOARD PICK-UP

1:15 P.M. K-5 AWARD CEREMONY LA 159



GRADES 4-12

9-10:30 A.M. JUDGING ROUND 1

4-5 Walb International Ballroom South

6-12 Walb Classic Ballroom

10:30-10:55 A.M. BREAK

11 A.M.-NOON JUDGING ROUND 2

11 A.M.-1 P.M. CELEBRATION OF STEM

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NOON 4-12 ROUND 2 STUDENT DISMISSAL

NOON-1 P.M. PROJECT BOARDS OPEN TO PUBLIC

Walb Classic & International

1-1:15 P.M. (4-5th grades ONLY) PROJECT BOARD PICK-UP

4-4:45 P.M. (6-12th grades ONLY) PROJECT BOARD PICK-UP

5 P.M. 6-12 AWARD CEREMONY LA 159



1:15 P.M.

K-5 AWARD CEREMONY

K-3 Outstanding Superlative Awards

Local Sponsored Special Awards

AQUA Indiana
Franklin Electric
Fort Wayne Zoo
Fort Wayne City Utilities
Fox Island Alliance
IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
Indiana Institute of Technology
Northeast Indiana Veterinary Medical Association
Purdue Fort Wayne Biology Club
Purdue University College of Agriculture
Scientific and Regulatory Consultants, Inc.

Purdue FW Junior Elementary Special Awards

Friedel Director Awards

Junior Elementary Division Placement Awards

HSEF Representatives

5:00 P.M.

6-12 AWARD CEREMONY

Recognition of Participation

Local Sponsored Special Awards

American Chemical Society
Fort Wayne City Utilities Water Resources
Fort Wayne City Utilities IT-Cybersecurity
Fox Island Alliance
IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
Purdue FW Department of Psychology
Scientific and Regulatory Consultants, Inc.

International Science & Engineering Fair Awards

American Meteorological Society
American Psychological Association
ASM Materials Education Foundation
Association for Women Geoscientists
Mu Alpha Theta (Math)
NASA EARTH System Science Award
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
Ricoh Americas Corporation
Stockholm Junior Water Prize
Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge
U.S. Metric Association
Yale Science & Engineering Association

Presented Special Awards

N. Maxine and David W. Ford STEM Award
U.S. Air Force/U.S. Navy/U.S. Marine Corps
Northeast Indiana Veterinary Medical Association
Huntington University
AQUA Indiana
Franklin Electric

Junior Division Placement Awards

Senior Division Placement Awards

NEIRSEF Representatives

Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair, March 28, 2026

Junior Elementary Division Representatives

Junior Division Representatives

Senior Division Representatives



Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair
May 9-15, 2026, Phoenix, AZ



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 Deer Ridge Elementary
 Delta Middle School
 Eastern Elementary School
 Eastern Jr & Sr High School
 Eastside Elementary School
 Edgewood Middle School
 Eel River Elementary School
 Frankton Elementary School
 Haley Elementary School
 Harrison Hill Elementary School
 Haverhill Elementary School
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 Hickory Center Elementary School
 Homestead Senior High School
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 Lafayette Meadows Elem
 Mabel K Holland Elem School
 NE Region Home Schools
 Oak View Elementary School
 Perry Hill Elementary School
 Saint Charles Borromeo School
 Saint Jude Elementary School
 Saint Mary School
 South Side High School
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