



**STANYS** SCIENCE TEACHERS  
ASSOCIATION OF  
NEW YORK STATE



**Dear Section Chairs and Science Congress Directors,**

Plans are in progress for the STANYS State Science Congress! If you plan on sending students to the State Science Congress, please review the following information carefully and follow the directions for registering students from your section.

**EVENT DETAILS (See [Event Schedule](#))**

Saturday, June 12, 2021

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Science & Technology (MOST)

500 S. Franklin Street, Syracuse, NY 13202

**PRECAUTIONS & POLICIES FOR COVID-19**

All participants and visitors to the MOST must wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth at all times. Students who do not wish to participate in-person may arrange to attend the Congress virtually. Those students will need to be 'present' in their virtual meeting for the duration of the judging period, just as if they were attending in person. Students should indicate their attendance type (in-person or virtual) during registration. For 2021, the requirement that students be physically present at the Congress and during the Awards Ceremony is waived.

**PROJECT POSTER REQUIREMENTS**

Projects presented in-person must be presented in a poster-style format (free-standing tri-fold board or storyboard). *No electricity can be provided.* Wooden boards, live or preserved specimens, and hazardous materials (i.e. toxic chemicals, high intensity light sources) are prohibited. Project displays must adhere to the following guidelines for the **maximum size of display**:

- Depth (front to back): 30 inches or 76 centimeters
- Width (side to side): 48 inches or 122 centimeters
- Height (floor to top): 108 inches or 274 centimeters

For students attending virtually, content should be included on slides shared during a live virtual presentation. *No pre-recorded content* is allowed for students attending virtually. They must present their slides to the judges live as if they were presenting a physical project board at the Congress.

**JUDGING PROCESS**

Student projects will be evaluated by a minimum of 4 judges. Students should therefore bring a minimum of 4 copies of their abstracts to share with judges as they present. (For virtual presenters, copies of the submitted abstract will be left at your virtual meeting station for judges to review.) Students will have approximately 7 minutes to present and 3 minutes for questions, for a total of 10 minutes. However, judges can be flexible with how they wish to conduct the interview. Students must be with their poster board or in their virtual meeting when the judge arrives.

**TRAVEL INFORMATION**

Breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon refreshment are provided at the Congress. Downtown restaurants and amenities within walking distance are numerous, and can be explored by visiting [armorysq.org/business-directory](http://armorysq.org/business-directory). Information about local accommodations and hotel blocks is available on the [MOST Science Congress page](#).

**TO NOMINATE A PROJECT, REGIONAL FAIR DIRECTORS MUST:**

1. Fill out the online [2021 REGIONAL SCIENCE CONGRESS REPORT](#) by **May 1, 2021**, including payment information for the \$100 per student registration fee to be paid by the school or the sponsoring science fair. It is *not* expected that students will be responsible for this cost. Checks should be made out to “Discovery Center of Science and Technology” and sent to:

MOST  
Attn: Emily Stewart  
500 S. Franklin Street  
Syracuse, NY 13202

**TO REGISTER AND ATTEND, STUDENTS MUST:**

1. Fill out the online [2021 STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM](#) by **May 1, 2021**. As part of the form, students will need to upload an abstract of no more than 250 words and submit basic information about their projects, dietary restrictions, emergency contacts, and other relevant details.
2. Instruct their project advisor/mentor to fill out the online [2021 ADVISOR/MENTOR APPROVAL FORM](#) by **May 1, 2021**.

**ALL FORMS AND FEES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2021.**

Attached is a congratulatory version of this letter that you may distribute to your finalist(s). We look forward to seeing you in June. Thank you for your assistance!

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