

## **How Should I Present My Project to the Judges?**

This is an important part of your project so take the time to plan and practice the presentation you will take to the judges. Plan in advance what you want to say. Write key phrases or ideas on index cards and use them as you reference but do not depend heavily on them.

Here is an approach you may wish to use for **your oral presentation**:

1. Greet the judges and introduce yourselves
2. Give the title of your project
3. Tell how you became interested in this topic
4. Give some background information about the topic
5. State the purpose of your investigation
6. Discuss your review of literature
7. Describe, in a step-by-step fashion, the procedure you follow for conducting your investigation. Point to sections of your display and refer to charts, graphs, and photographs. If you have equipment on display, allow the judges to examine it.
8. Explain the results of your experiment and be sure to discuss controls and variables. Remember to keep all measurements in metric units.
9. Identify the conclusions that you could logically draw from the experiment.
10. Discuss any future plans you may have to continue research or experimentation related to your topic. Include a few statements about any changes you made in your scientific approach during your early investigation.
11. Ask the judges if they have any questions. Remember, if you do not know an answer say so and indicate you will look into it. If judges insist on asking questions in unrelated areas, redirect the conversation back into your specific topic.
12. Thank the judges for their time and any suggestions they may have offered to improve your project.

Good manners, nice clothes, and enthusiasm for what you are doing will help to impress the judges. **Here are some tips:**

1. Dress nicely. (Try to avoid wearing sports clothing)
2. Be polite and practice good manners.
3. Make good eye contact with your judges and be sure to give each judge your attention. Do not just look at one.
4. Stand up straight and to the side of your exhibit.
5. Do not do anything to distract the judges (i.e. Shifting from side to side)
6. Relax, smile, and have FUN!