

Poster Presentation Guidelines

Indiana Academy of Science – Science Talent Search

Poster Session: Saturday, November 15, 2025 – Krannert Hall
Indiana Interchurch Center, 1100 W. 42nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208

Setup & Timing

Setup Time: 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Poster Judging: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Each poster will be judged by three different judges.

Each judging session lasts 20 minutes.

Students do not need to remain with their poster at all times. Be prepared for downtime between judging sessions.

POSTERS

Poster presentations should be well-prepared, organized, and logically sequenced, with a balance of content and clarity. Posters must include:

- A clear statement of the problem and its importance.
- A summary of research methods and key findings.
- Methods that are appropriate and properly applied.
- Results supported by data, clearly presented and summarized.
- Conclusions that follow directly from the results, emphasizing both significance and real-life impact.

Presentation to Judges

Be ready to give a five-minute overview of your project. Judges will have already reviewed your full paper, so a detailed discussion is not necessary.

Provide updates on new findings or additional data obtained since the research paper was submitted (if applicable).

Prepare for a fifteen-minute discussion (Q&A; session) with the judges, focusing on your results, their significance, and real-life impact.

Display Information

Students will be asked in advance whether they require:

- An easel and board (poster-style display), or
- A table (for tri-fold displays).

Posters must remain set up for the entire judging period.

Students are responsible for transporting and setting up their own displays.

Judging & Scoring

Each project is evaluated by three independent judges.

Judges assess:

- Scientific merit (clarity, originality, rigor of methods, accuracy of results).
- Presentation quality (ability to explain project clearly, confidence, engagement).
- Discussion (quality of responses to questions, depth of understanding, ability to think critically).