



STEAM Fair & Expo 2022-2023

Student Permission and Hold Harmless Agreement

SJCOE follows both the state and county guidelines related to COVID-19. See our safety regulations for additional information at: https://bit.ly/SJCOE_COVID_5-22

I approve my child's participation in the San Joaquin County STEAM Fair in the event that my child's project is selected by the participating school. I assume responsibility for the oversight of the scientific research conducted by my child in association with the teachers.

My child and I are fully responsible for reading, understanding and adhering to the San Joaquin County rules found in the STEAM Fair Handbook, <http://www.sjcoesteamfair.org/resources.html>. Failure to comply may result in my child's project being ineligible for an award at the San Joaquin County STEAM Fair.

I understand that high school division top prize winners and middle school division top prize winners may be eligible to compete at the California State Science and Engineering Fair (CSEF).

By signing this request, I expressly consent to the possible release of education information concerning or relative to the participation of my student in SJCOE STEAM Fair and associated activities. Such information shall include, but is not limited to, the release of photographs, test results, the reproduction of sound, motion picture, and video or digital recordings. Consent is likewise given for the use of my student's school information by any institute of higher learning for the purposes of study, comparison and the furtherance of knowledge in the fields of education or human behavior.

I agree to hold harmless the San Joaquin County STEAM Fair and their employees, agents and contractors against any liability and any claims resulting from my child's participation in the San Joaquin County STEAM Fair and the subsequent CSEF events, and additional state, national or international fairs to which my child may earn an invitation to participate. (Pursuant to Educational Code section 35330)

I also acknowledge that I have carefully read, understand, and agree to the terms of this Permission Agreement, Assumption of Potential Risk, and Informed Consent and Waiver Regarding COVID-19 Risks.

Name of Student: _____

Student Signature: _____

Students School: _____ District: _____

Title of Project: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



SJCOE Informed Consent Waiver regarding Covid-19

INFORMED CONSENT AND WAIVER REGARDING COVID-19 RISKS

Risks of Coronavirus Exposure and Infection: Below is information regarding the risks associated with potential and actual exposure to, and infection by, the Coronavirus. The SJCOE believes that such information is generally accurate as of the date of this form shown below. However, because the Coronavirus mutates, and because the scientific understanding of the Coronavirus and related matters has been evolving since the beginning of the pandemic, relevant information may change without notice. With that in mind, the Student and his, her, or their Parent should consider all of the following in deciding whether to sign this Informed Consent:

- The SJCOE highly recommends that each Student and his, her, or their Parent keep themselves apprised of available information regarding Coronavirus during the pandemic. Although the following list is not exhaustive, relevant information presently is available at the following links:
 - CDPH Guidance - <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/K-12-Guidance-2022-23-School-Year.aspx>
 - CDPH FAQs for K-12 Schools - <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Schools-FAQ.aspx>
 - CDPH Face Covering Guidance - <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>
 - CDC FAQs - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/parent-faqs.html>
- COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads from person to person primarily through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. Some people who are infected with the Coronavirus may not exhibit any obvious symptoms. However, people of all ages are at risk of experiencing significant consequences as a result of being infected by, or infecting someone else with, the Coronavirus, including, among possible others, difficulty recovering from the initial infection, health impacts that continue long after the initial infection has resolved, loss of mental or sensory capability, permanent disability, death, loss or impairment of social functionality or relationships, and economic losses. Traveling off-campus for field trips, educational experiences, and/or athletic events can increase the risks of exposure to and infection by Coronavirus by bringing SJCOE students to events where there are other groups of individuals.
- The Coronavirus infection rates without our communities, regions, and state can influence infection rates among students and other individuals attending an off-campus event. Although vaccines against the Coronavirus have been developed, the individuals who have been fully vaccinated to date are a relatively small percentage of the overall population. Although vaccines are known to reduce the chances of severe consequences and hospitalization, vaccines do not prevent 100% of infections and it presently is uncertain how well vaccines will prevent reinfection or prevent the spread of the Coronavirus by a vaccinated person.
- While the SJCOE will make efforts to reduce the potential for Students and others to be exposed or infected by the Coronavirus, nothing that SJCOE can do (while still allowing off-campus travel for extracurricular events) will completely eliminate the risk of exposure to or infection by Coronavirus.

Required Precautions: By signing this Informed Consent, each of the Student and Parent hereby agree that:

- Neither the Student, nor any parent or family member, shall attend any off-campus field trip, educational experience, or athletic event if he, she, or they has been diagnosed with, or has knowledge that he, she, or they is infected with, the Coronavirus or, within the preceding 10 days, has suffered or exhibited symptoms typically associated with infection by the Coronavirus.
- The Student must practice good hygiene, including, as applicable, (1) properly washing his, her, or their hands before, during breaks in, and after the conclusion of an activity (2) covering up and/or redirecting coughs or sneezes away from others, and (3) wiping down equipment after use.
- The Student, as well as any Parent or family member present at an off-campus event, shall cooperate with screening procedures and requirements intended to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. Screening procedures may include, without limitation, temperature checks, questions regarding symptoms and possible exposure, and, possibly, testing for infection. Requirements may include, without limitation, physical distancing and wearing of well-fitting facial coverings (over mouth and nose).
- Any teacher or other SJCOE representative may request that a Student, Parent, or family member who does not fully comply with the foregoing required precautions leave the location of the off-campus field trip, educational experience, or athletic event and each such person shall immediately and peaceably leave that location.