

# GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING STUDENT PROJECTS

The Children's Museum Annual Science & Technology Fair  
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Students Name \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Project (please circle one)

Research

Making Models

Invention

Experiment

Directions: Circle the number that most accurately describes each category (1 is the lowest/5 is the highest).

## JUDGING CATEGORY:

### 1. Originality

a. The project demonstrated an original approach to the problem or topic.

1

2

3

4

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b. The project appears to be primarily the work of the student.

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2

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### 2. Exhibit

a. Display is visually attractive (neat, well-organized, words spelled correctly).

1

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b. The information presented is accurate.

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### 3. Knowledge of Topic

a. The student demonstrates a good understanding of the topic.

1

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b. The student is able to defend his/her results and conclusions.

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### 4. Overall Rating of Project

1

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**TOTAL  
POINTS**

**Discussion Starters for Oral Evaluation:** (when evaluating each project, you may want to begin your interview with one or more of the following questions)

\* What did you learn from doing your project? \* How did you choose this project?

\* What books or source did you use to obtain information about your project?

\* Did your results or conclusion surprise you? Why or why not?