

DISTRICT 196 INVENTORS FAIR ENTRY RULES

1. Students must be in grades 4 or 5 in a District 196 school or may be a 4th or 5th grade home schooled student in District 196 to participate.
2. An entry may be either a completely new product or item or an improvement to a previously existing product or item.
3. The invention may be that of a single student OR pair of students.
4. ONE INVENTION per student or pair of students may be entered.
5. The invention must be the original and unassisted work of the student(s). No parental participation is allowed. It is only acceptable to assist the child with tools that are a danger to your child. It must however, be your child's idea. Inventions exhibited in this Inventors Fair can not be an invention that has been submitted in past District 196 Inventors Fairs.
6. Students must submit an entry form by **December 14, 2007** to their GT specialist. They must give the name of the invention, information about the inventor, and information about any partner. Parents are **strongly** encouraged to volunteer to help with the Inventors Fair. The Inventors Fair is greatly dependent on volunteers. Remember that parental assistance is vital to its success. The volunteer form will accompany the registration form.
7. The student must produce either a functioning prototype or a model of the invention.
8. Students must bring their invention and completed Inventors Fair Form (green) to the Fair set-up evening at Eagan High School and Dakota Hills Middle School on **Friday, January 18, 2008 between 6:00 and 8:30 p.m.**
9. Each displaying inventor will be provided with table space at the Inventors Fair.
10. Each inventor must provide an explanatory display board(s), made of paper, cardboard, or wood. The self-supporting board(s) should contain the following information:
 - The name or title of the invention
 - A statement of its purpose
 - A diagram of the invention
 - A description of how the invention works

It is suggested that you put your name(s) on the back of your invention or display board.

11. NO LIVE ANIMALS can be brought to the Fair.
12. Electrical power **will not** be provided; batteries must be used. Exposed flames are not allowed. In accordance with district policy: knives, weapons or look-alike weapons will not be displayed at a school or district activity.
13. *Each invention should fit onto an area 24 x 24 inches. A vertical display board is to be set up behind the invention. It is the student's responsibility to attach and support that board. If the invention is oversized or needs to be shown on something that does not fit into the afore mentioned space, please check the appropriate section on the registration form.
14. Students **must be present** at the Inventors Fair January 19 2008, for the judging, for the public display and for awards. They must be prepared to explain and discuss their invention with the judges and with the public.