



# PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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**To:** High School Principals and Science Department Chairpersons  
**From:** Nellista Bess, Science Supervisor **NB**  
**Date:** 3/21/2013  
**Re:** **Intel<sup>®</sup> International Science and Engineering Fair Rules and Guidelines<sup>®</sup>**

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Each year our student scientists across Paterson Public Schools participate in District and school level Science fair. In the new era of Science education, the Science Department is committed to providing our student scientists with a value added experience. This commitment requires that we respond in kind by widening our vision and act to prepare our students to compete at higher levels. To this end, the Science Department is committed to providing both teachers and students with the level of support required to achieve this vision. In order to facilitate a successful transition of students into State, National, and International Science fair competitions, we must work together to learn, adopt, and engage our students in practices that will enable them to compete at these levels. Specifically, our students must come to know and understand the Intel<sup>®</sup> International Science and Engineering Fair Rules and Guidelines<sup>®</sup> (Intel ISEF). Additionally, the Intel<sup>®</sup> ISEF “is the world's largest pre-college Science competition for grades 9-12”. Each year more than 1,500 students from approximately 70 countries compete for \$3 million in awards and scholarships. I will provide a link to the Intel<sup>®</sup> ISEF on the Science Department page.

With that said, a number of the new procedures and project forms will reflect the ISEF rules and guidelines. Likewise, the ‘student project proposal form’ and ‘parent/guardian permission slip’ are adapted from these ISEF rules and guidelines.

The adopted ISEF Forms will be posted in the Science Fair Resources Tab.