Pts.	Evaluation Criteria	Excellent 17-20 points	Good 13-16 points	Fair 9-12 points	Poor 0-8 points
20 score	Science Project: • Objectives • Hypothesis (question) • Use of Resources* *jr/sr projects only Engineering Project: • Problem Statement (design criteria)	Clearly stated & well-written Appropriate for grade level & original Creative approach to problem solving I. Testable, clear, bounded hypothesis	Lacking in 1 area: clarity, appropriate level, or creativity 	Lacking in 2 areas: clarity, appropriate level, and/or creativity I. Hypothesis incomplete or not testable - Minimal effort on citing sources - Used some available resources - Some internet resources are scientific & reputable 	Poorly conceived or lacking in all 3 areas I. Hypothesis missing or poorly defined No sources or citations - Project suffered as a result of not using available resources - Internet resources are not scientific or reputable A. Statement missing or poorly defined B. Goals/criteria missing
20 score	Science Project: • Design & Procedures Experimental design & implementation (hypothesis testing) Engineering process (design & prototype)	 Exemplary, creative plan to support / refute hypothesis with valid testing Sequential experimental procedures are quantitatively and/or qualitatively listed, and connect hypothesis, data & results Procedures are logical and repeatable Sample sizes, number of trials are sufficient. Valid control group. All other variables are carefully controlled A. Design goals & approach clearly stated & reproducible, alternatives considered B. Design creative, schematics / software provided (as applicable), well labeled C. Assembly details or set-up instructions for device are clearly laid out D. Photos provided or prototype on display E. Materials used in appropriate ways 	 Sufficient plan to support / refute hypothesis with all other criteria met, or Exemplary plan and 3 of 4 other criteria for excellence met, or III. Some improvements needed throughout A. 3-4 of 5 criteria required for excellence are met or B. Some improvements could be made 	 Sufficient plan with 3 of 4 other criteria for excellence met, or Exemplary plan and 2 of 4 other criteria for excellence met, or III. Major improvements needed throughout A. A. A. Content arequired for excellence are met or B. Existing information is incomplete, or needs major improvement 	 Sufficient plan with 1-2 of 4 other criteria for excellence met, or Plan information is unclear / missing / insufficient, or Criteria II-V are lacking or grossly defficient A. Description of design & implementation not included or inadequate to show how design works and/or if design meets requirements B. No engineering. Project was merely tinkering.
20 score	Science Project: • Data & Results (experimentation) • Documentation* (notebook) *jr/sr projects only Engineering Project: • Problem Solution (testing and redesign)	I. Experiments run are appropriate for hypothesis being tested II. Sufficient data. Repetition of experiments III. Correct & appropriate statistical tests run	I. 2 of the 3 criteria for excellence met II. Some improvements could be made 	I. 1 of the 3 criteria for excellence met II. Major improvements required - 2 of 4 standards for excellence were met or - Major improvements required - A. Final design does not meet end user's needs B. No improvement over original C. Major improvements required	I. Incorrect experiments and data analysis for hypothesis II. Insufficient data
20 score	Science Project: • Discussion & Conclusions Engineering Project: • Evaluation	I. Status of the hypothesis is correctly and logically addressed, and stated in an unbiased manner (confirmed / refuted) II. Completeness of work and validity of conclusions are substantiated III. Discussion is insightful, demonstrates clear understanding of research project, broader subject & suggested new work A. Significance, relevance, applications, utility, cost effectiveness, improvements, benefits and performance addressed	I. 2 of 3 criteria for excellence met, or II. Some improvements could be made A. Some evaluation areas not addressed	I. 1 of 3 criteria for excellence met or II. Overall information is lacking in quality and perspective A. Many evaluation areas not addressed	I. No discussion / conclusions provided

20 score	Science+Engineeri ng: • Interview	Exemplary understanding – Research findings / design results – Ability to interpret graphs, statistics, etc – Related background information – Project rational, details & validity	Good understanding – Research findings – Ability to interpret graphs, statistics, etc. – Related background information	Fair understanding – Research findings – Ability to interpret graphs, statistics, etc – Related background information	Poor understanding – Cannot answer questions adequately and precisely – Does not incorporate display into interview – Unfamiliar with related background information
	• Display	Exemplary display Creativity, clarity, logic, interpretability, construction, writing, graphics, grammar All information directly relates to project	Good display Most information is appropriate, organized and easily accessible.	Fair display Some information is appropriate, organized and easily accessible.	Poordisplay Confusing, unorganized, incorrect or in appropriate information