**Middle School Science Research Report Guidelines**

A 1-3 page (5-7 paragraph) report on your approved topic should follow the following rules:

General Rules:

1. Each paragraph should be indented and have at least 4-5 sentences.
2. Basic spelling and grammar rules should be followed.
3. The paper should be double-spaced and typed if possible, or neatly handwritten using black or blue ink.
4. The report should be neatly done without smudges, erasures, wrinkles, etc.
5. The report be separate and shown in front of your Trifold or Poster Board, not pasted to the board.

More Specific:

1. The title of your topic and you name should be listed at the top of paper.
2. The report should start with an introductory paragraph that describes the areas of your research, and your reason(s) for choosing this topic, such as why it is interesting to you, where you got the idea, how it might help the world, etc.
3. The next 3-5 paragraphs (depending on how much relevant information is found) should cover important information related to the topic. It should not be copied “word-for-word” or be cut-and-pasted from the Internet. Please put the ideas into your own words (paraphrase).
4. There should be a closing paragraph summarizing the main ideas and briefly what you will try to do with your project based on what you have discovered. (You do not have to go into all of the steps of the experiment; do this in a few sentences). The experimental design will be covered on your trifold or poster board.
5. Finally, include a Works Cited (or Reference) section (which can be on the same paper at the end) that shows the author (if listed), title of book, magazine, Internet article, etc., web site if Internet based, publisher, date of publication. If you use more than one source list in alphabetical order based on the author’s last name or title if no author exists

# Judging Rubric

**Research Report**

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| Scoring categories | Points Possible | Points Earned |
| 1. General Rules- Title, etc. | 3 |  |
| 2. Introductory paragraph | 5 |  |
| 3. 3-5 descriptive paragraphs | 10 |  |
| 4. Closing paragraph | 5 |  |
| 5. Works cited (References) | 2 |  |
| Total | 25 |  |