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The 2026 Tri-County Science & Technology Fair will be in two segments. Grades K-5 will be live at F.E. Bellows School in Mamaroneck on Saturday, April 25, 2026. The HS Fair will be Virtual with last day to enter mid-March. This valuable STEM event has been held consistently for over 30 years and is organized by The Putnam Children's Discovery Center Inc., with Pepsi Global R&D as Grand Sponsor and support from the Science Teachers Association (Westchester Section). The annual Fair provides hundreds of students across a wide spectrum of diverse backgrounds an opportunity to have their voices heard and their research shown.

Elementary Science teachers are encouraged to hold a school wide Fair to determine who should enter the regional Fair. Absent a school competition, a student in grades K-5 can direct enter with their principal or science teacher's permission. The students represent their school therefore entries without official permission cannot be accepted. Visit www.DiscoveryCtr.org to register or email JNewman@DiscoveryCtr.org. In addition to the students winning prizes, several achievement awards are given out at the Fair. The school with the top overall Budding Scientists (grades K-3) receives Janice Miller Newman Education Award for Excellence in Developing Future Scientists The top overall school scores in the Young Scientists Division (grades 4&5) receive Susan Schaeff Handelman Award for Scholastic Excellence in Science & Technology. The Judge Edith Miller Excellence in Education Award goes to the top student scoring in the Young Scientists Division.

High School students should approach their science teachers to enter the virtual competition. Three of the top High School students will advance to New York State Science Congress competition. The exhibits sent to continue have placed consistently high at NYS Science Congress, because they are exceptional! In addition to first, second and third place awards the highest-scoring high school exhibit will receive the Marilyn Reiner Science in Education Award. The top high school with the highest overall scores will receive the Frank Iacopelli Award for Academic Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics. On the high school level

The Tri-County Science and Technology Fair is the only regional science fair in New York State that includes elementary school. The fair is open to private, public and homeschooled students in grades K-5 and 9-12 with schools in Westchester, Rockland and Putnam Counties.

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