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Dallas Regional Science
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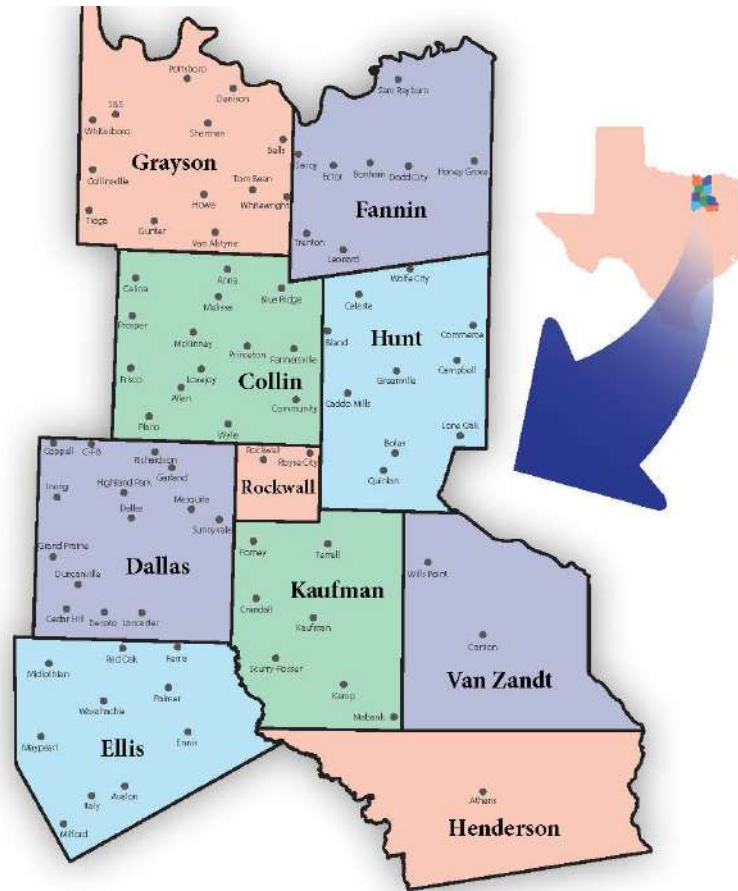
Teacher Workshop

Who we are

The Dallas Regional Science and Engineering Fair (DRSEF) is a non-profit organization that holds an annual science fair for 6th - 12th grade students at public, charter, private and home schools in Texas Education Agency Region 10.

The fair covers all of Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Fannin, Grayson, Hunt, Kaufman and Rockwall counties and part of Henderson and Van Zandt counties.

DRSEF's first fair was in 1957. We are affiliated with the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair.



Our participants

840,000 students from 1,220 campuses are eligible for DRSEF. Students begin by entering the fair at their local public, private, charter or home school. The top projects at each school advance to district fairs then the regional fair. Projects can then advance to state and international competitions.

DRSEF has a Junior Division for grades 6 to 8 and a Senior Division for grades 9 to 12.

At the regional fair we typically have 1,000 students enter 800 projects. These students represent around 95 schools.



How many students can we send?

Each district can enter 2% of their 6 to 8th grade enrollment,
and 2% of their 9 to 12th grade enrollment.

If there is no district fair, each school may enter a maximum
of 2% of their 6 to 8th grade enrollment, and 2% of their 9 to
12th grade enrollment.

About Us

DRSEF is grateful to our presenting sponsor Beal Bank and our university partner Southern Methodist University for their support. Additional support is generously provided by Qorvo and Freese & Nichols.

DRSEF is fortunate to have many dedicated professionals donating their time, energy, and personal capital to making the fair a success.

Lead volunteers include:

Prof. Fredrick I. Olness, SMU Physics Department

J.C. Chaio, SMU Lyle School of Engineering

Heather Hankamer, STEM Advocate

Treasurer: Andrew Milburn, Texas Capital Bank



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Fair Day: February 28, 2026

Registration Deadline 12 February 2026

- 7:30 am to 8:30 am - student check in
- 9:00 am to 12:30 pm - first round of Category judging including student interviews
- Special Award judging including student interviews
- 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm - second round of Category judging for larger categories
- 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm - Grand Prize judging including student interviews
- 6:00 pm - winners announced and public viewing



Prizes

First, second, third and some fourth-place prizes are awarded in approximately 20 categories in both the Junior and Senior Division. Honorable Mentions are also awarded.

Beal Bank awards cash prizes to Category winners and placeholders, up to \$200 for Junior Division and \$400 for Senior Division.

Special Awards including cash, vouchers and merchandise are awarded by 40 local companies, organizations and societies.



Award Banquet

1st through 4th place from Category judging and winners of Special Awards in Senior Division are invited to a banquet at SMU to celebrate their success and



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Teacher awards

DRSEF awards cash prizes to the top teachers based on the number, performance and success rate of their students at the fair.



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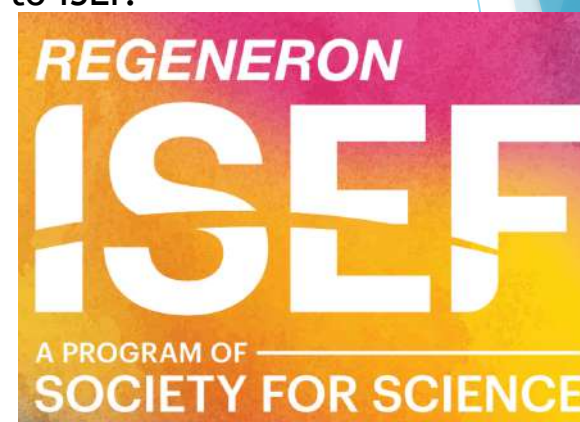
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Advancing

1st and 2nd in Category judging at DRSEF advance to the Texas Science and Engineering Fair.

The top ten percent of Junior Division are invited to enter Thermo Fisher Junior Challenge, an international science fair for Middle School students.

Senior Division Grand Prize winners and runners up advance to the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair. We send 9 projects to ISEF.



DRSEF Special Award Donors

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American Meteorology Society
American Psychological Association
American Radio Relay League: McKinney Amateur
Radio Club, Inc.
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ASM Materials Education Foundation
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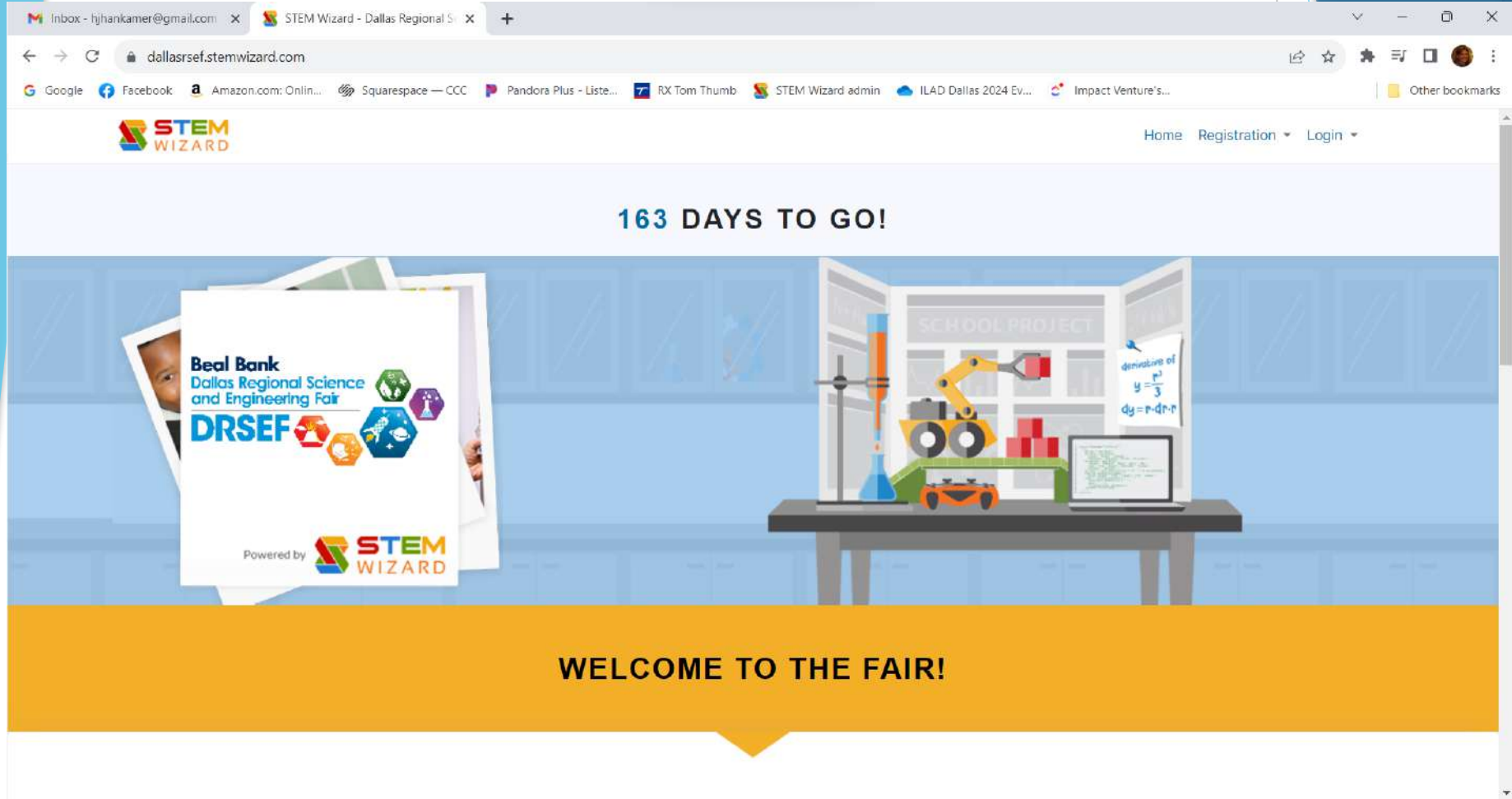
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<https://dallasrsef.stemwizard.com/>

I don't see my school listed.

All Saints, Allen ISD, Dallas ISD,
Frisco ISD, Plano ISD and Uplift

Education are all sub-fairs and have unique landing pages.

To have your school added please email drsef@smu.edu

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STEM WIZARD Home Registration Login

WELCOME TO THE FAIR!

Teachers can register themselves after their school has been setup. If you need your school added please email DRSEF@smu.edu

Teacher Registration

Mr. ▼

First Name *

Last Name *

Primary Email Address *

Re-enter Email Address *

Please re-enter the Email Address

Password *

Password field is required

Confirm Password *

At the top right corner of the page is a drop-down menu and you should select teacher. As a teacher you will select your school from the drop-down menu. Once you register, I will approve you on my end and your students then can start registering using the same link.



Entry Fee & Deadline

The deadline for districts to advance their students to DRSEF is **midnight on February 12, 2026**. Entry to DRSEF is \$25 per student (not per project). Payments are accepted online or by mail, with payment due before fair day. Payment details will be made available.