GUIDELINES FOR JUDGING STUDENT PROJECTS

The Children's Museum Annual Science & Technology Fair
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Students Name _____

Project Title _____

Type of Project (please circle one)

Research Making Models Invention Experiment

Directions: Circle the number that most accurately describes each category (1 is the lowest/5 is the highest).

JUDGING CATEGORY:

1. **Originality**
   a. The project demonstrated an original approach to the problem or topic.

   1 2 3 4 5

   b. The project appears to be primarily the work of the student.

   1 2 3 4 5

2. **Exhibit**
   a. Display is visually attractive (neat, well-organized, words spelled correctly).

   1 2 3 4 5

   b. The information presented is accurate.

   1 2 3 4 5

3. **Knowledge of Topic**
   a. The student demonstrates a good understanding of the topic.

   1 2 3 4 5

   b. The student is able to defend his/her results and conclusions.

   1 2 3 4 5

4. **Overall Rating of Project**

   1 2 3 4 5

TOTAL POINTS

Discussion Starters for Oral Evaluation: ***(when evaluating each project, you may want to begin your interview with one or more of the following questions)***

*** What did you learn from doing your project? * How did you choose this project?**
*** What books or source did you use to obtain information about your project?**
*** Did your results or conclusion surprise you? Why or why not?**