

SCIENCE DAY STANDARDS

REQUIRED READING BY TEACHERS and STUDENTS: What is plagiarism?

<http://science.widener.edu/svb/essay/plagiar.html>

Van Bamer, S. E. 1995. What is Plagiarism? Accessed 28 January 2013 <http://science.widener.edu/svb/essay/plagiar.html>

Policy statements about preventing, detecting and penalizing plagiarism in science projects:

- o *All written reports and log books must disclose and cite where appropriate the specific source(s) of the idea for the project. Citations must be fully documented with references such as author(s), date, publication and URL if website.*

- o *Any claim of plagiarism in a project made prior to, during, or within one week after State Science Day shall be judged as usual, but all scores, ratings, and awards shall be retained until a review of the project is completed by the Academy office and/or its delegated inspectors. If the project is found to be plagiarized, the registration fees for State Science Day as well as awards and ratings will be forfeited. The district and school from which the project originated will be contacted. The student(s) future project(s) will be required to pass a review prior to presentation in any Academy Science Days.*

*** Scientific fraud and misconduct are not condoned at any level of research or competition. Such practices include plagiarism, forgery, use or presentation of other researcher's work as one's own, and fabrication of data. Fraudulent projects will fail to qualify for competition in affiliated fairs or the Intel ISEF.**