

Department M – Education
Central Montana Schools

Guidelines:

1. Competition is open to public and private school students in Central Montana in grades **K-12**.
2. Exhibits must have been developed during the current school year at the school and entered by the classroom teacher.
3. Entry forms need to be completed and given to the Fair Office by **June 1st**.
4. Fair exhibits with entry tags should be left in the upstairs of the Ag building **by the end of May**. A key to this building is available at the Fair Office or at the County Superintendent's Office.
5. All exhibits should be mounted and arranged by the representative of the school making the entry. 3-dimensional projects will be no larger than 36" by 48". Tagboard entries will be no larger than 28" by 36". Any larger will be disqualified.
6. Include with projects, especially class projects, a brief description of what led to the project, and/or what the expectations were, or any additional information of educational value that will help the judges and public.
7. Each grade level is allowed 20 entries. (If you have a combined class you may enter 20 per grade.)
- 8. If a teacher submits five or more similar projects, the projects will be judged as a group.**
9. Each entry on entry form needs to include Class number, Lot number, Grade, Type of entry, Name of student(s), and School.
10. The Fergus County Superintendent's Office will be responsible for the judging of entries.
11. Judges will work on the Danish System with each entry receiving a blue, red, or white ribbon. If no exhibit in a class merits a blue ribbon, none will be given. Sweepstakes will be awarded on a weighted system that take into account the amount of entries and points received by each school with divisions of Class "C" and private & rural schools.
12. Judging will be done on the basis of educational values, originality, creativity, neatness, and grade level of student(s).
13. Each school should designate a responsible individual to pick up the exhibits on the last day of the fair (Saturday) between 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Entries may be picked up after fair by getting the key from the Fair Office or the Superintendent's Office.
14. Premiums will be paid from the Fair Board Premium Fund. The check may be picked up in the County Superintendent of Schools office a week after the fair.