Recommended Science Fair Timeline (High School) 2016-2017

Week	Component Due
August 22nd - 26th	Identify a **testable** topic or problem & submit for approval.
August 29th - September 2nd	• Once topic is approved, begin background research. • Use a bound composition book to record all project information.
September 8	**School Participation Form due to DCPS** (email to J. Stuckey, your administrator, and your Specialist)
September 6th – October 28th	• Identify your variables. • Determine your hypothesis (using variables). • Design Materials and Methods. • Submit ISEF forms and Research plan to DCPS for projects needing approval*. • Do experiment, collect and analyze data, prepare graphs and figures, and write Results and Conclusion. • Complete ISEF forms for projects not needing prior approval.
November 7th – 10th	Final project boards and Abstracts due for assessment.
November 28th – December 7th	School-Based Science Fairs
December 9	**Submit Abstracts and forms to DCPS for projects selected for District Science Fair.**
January 2017	• Delivery of student project boards to Fair location. • District Science Fair

*Note that if students are doing a project that uses potentially hazardous (non-household) chemicals, human subjects, microorganisms, vertebrate animals, devices such as power tools or any other potential safety hazards, or a long experimental timeline, they may need to turn in items and forms earlier than the deadline. For projects requiring district approval, work cannot begin until the project is approved.

Details for ISEF (International Science and Engineering Fair) rules and forms can be found at https://student.societyforscience.org/intel-isef-forms.