



## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Student Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for behavior, fairness and sportsmanship among students engaged in research activities and participating in AzSEF. Adherence to these principles will ensure a productive, ethical and respectful research environment and also provide the opportunity for everyone to shine to their maximum capacity without consequences.

### 1. RESPECT AND INTEGRITY

Treat all peers, judges, volunteers and AzSEF staff with respect and courtesy while upholding the highest standards of integrity and honesty in all research activities. The project should reflect independent research done by the student(s) and presented in their own words with proper citation, most particularly if artificial intelligence is used. The project may only represent one year of work and must not include fraudulent data, plagiarism or inappropriate use of AI in presenting work that is not their own.

### 2. ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Take responsibility for your work and its impact, and be accountable for your actions and decisions in the research process.

### 3. ETHICAL RESEARCH

Follow all relevant ethical guidelines as outlined by the Society for Science (linked [HERE](#)) and obtain necessary approvals for research involving human or animal subjects prior to the start of the project.

### 4. TRANSPARENCY AND HONESTY

Accurately report research findings without fabrication, falsification or misrepresentation.

### 5. FAIR CREDIT

Ensure that all contributors to the research are appropriately credited. Avoid plagiarism by properly citing sources.

### 6. PROFESSIONALISM

Conduct yourself in a professional manner at all times, especially during presentations and interactions with peers. Be respectful of other student projects and help your friends if they need it.



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### 7. SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT

Encourage and support your fellow competitors, fostering a positive and inclusive research community. Celebrate the achievements of others and contribute to a culture of mutual respect and recognition.

### 8. RESPECT THAT DECISIONS ARE FINAL

Judges follow a predetermined process when determining category and special award winners. Judges are assigned based on expertise and experience. Category judges are composed of several individuals and a lead judge. No one individual determines award winners.

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Scientific fraud and misconduct are not condoned at any level of research or competition. This includes 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. Arizona Science Center and Arizona Science & Engineering Fair reserve the right to revoke recognition of a project subsequently found to have been fraudulent.

**I have read the Student Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it and the Ethics Statement above. I further understand that **failure to adhere to the Code of Conduct** may result in disqualification of the student project. Any evident violation of the Ethics Statement below will result in immediate disqualification, removal of awards and possible ineligibility to participate in future fairs. Additionally, the participant's school will be notified of the violation.**

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Student Name (print)

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Student Signature

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Date