



Student Virtual Tech Fair Project Submission

Rules, Questions, Tips

Thank you for taking this 2023 virtual tech fair journey. First off there are a few basic rules to keep in mind: **Be Patient. Be Prepared. Be Flexible.**

Sometimes unexpected things happen! Do not panic. If you encounter a problem, send an email to: acteregionone.com explaining the problem and we will find a solution together. 😊

WHAT THE HECK-A-DOODLE? Why does my project need an address?

Your project needs an address so the judge can find your project and see all your hard work.

WHAT THE HECK-A-DOODLE? Where does my project presentation video and portfolio live?

Just like you and your family have an address and live together in a house; your project presentation video, supporting documents, and portfolio have an address and need to live together in a folder. You may share your folder “Anyone with a link” on Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Sites, or another video sharing website such as YouTube. Make sure the YouTube URL is “unlisted” and the link to the folder must be “Public/Everyone can view”.

Questions: Are my project presentation video, supporting documents and portfolio sitting together in the same folder? What is the folder address? Or the URL (Uniform Resource Locator)?

Is my project URL link active and ready to submit for judging? Can it dance? No silly!! When you click on the link, does it open and is everything present?

WHAT THE HECK-A-DOODLE? How long can my project presentation video be? Max 10 Minutes

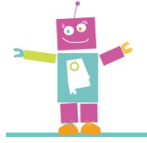
The video to describe your project is about as long as it takes for you to eat your lunch! Spend about 2-3 minutes showing your project and about 5-7 minutes explaining everything!! It’s time to be the star of your own show!!

WHAT THE HECK-A-DOODLE? How do I submit my project presentation video?

Your teacher will upload the URL link to your tech fair registration. Only one link per project.

WHAT THE HECK-A-DOODLE? Can someone help me with my project video?

Yes, you may have someone help you record your project presentation video.



Questions? Student Presentation

<https://www.acteregionone.com/student-project-info>

Ask yourself a few basic questions about your project. Write down the answers!

1. Did I review the category rubric for my project? Do I know a rubric is a guide the judge uses to grade my project? The main rubric topics cover these important things:
 - a. Intended Purpose – Why did you create your project?
 - b. Functionality – Does your project work as you planned?
 - c. Knowledge & Proficiency – Do you know what you are doing? Well?
 - d. Unique Aspects – How did you make your project special?
 - e. Creativity – How did you use your creative talents? What makes it unique?
 - f. New Skills learned and applied – How did you use what you learned?
 - g. Documentation – Where did you get any additional information you used?
 - h. Improvements – How did you improve on the project?
2. Did I write an outline or script to help me explain my project? Why? It is a good idea.
3. Did I practice showing how my project works before making my video presentation?
4. What special project or planning files do I need to include in my project folder to help the judge understand my work and everything I did to create my project? PDF Docs, photos, screenshots, code, script, storyboard, templates, prints, etc.
5. Did I use anything in my project that has a copyright? If so, do I have permission? Do I understand copyright? Where did I get my information? Cite my citations!

COPYRIGHT & FAIR USE - What does it mean?

You **MUST** document any work you did not create.

You may even need to get permission.

Check out these two YouTube videos to help you understand!

JUST CLICK THE LINKS BELOW AND LEARN!

[COPYRIGHT & CREATIVITY](#) [FAIR USE](#) [Sample Student Copyright Letter](#)

6. Is my project completely finished? Does my project work like it is supposed to work?



VIDEO PRESENTATION TIPS

- You may have someone help you with your approximate 10-15-minute-long video.
- Try to set up your camera so it isn't shaking! Or titling!
- Find good natural light! Try to avoid shadows and bright lights.
- Record your video in landscape mode (horizontal)
- You may use a computer, phone, camera or tablet.
- Timing: about 2-3 minutes showing how your project works.
- Timing: about 5-7 minutes answering questions about your project.
- Set up your project just like you are talking to a judge with your project in front of you.
- Look directly into the camera. Smile. Be happy!
- Introduce yourself: Your name, grade level & project category. Do not say your school.
- Demonstrate how your project works, describe anything unique or special about it.
- If your project isn't working, explain why.

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- Answer questions in a natural, friendly way. Remember you are to talk to your judge as you show off your project in your video. Questions do not have to be in order. You may add additional information. You are not judged on the quality of your video presentation of your project.

Practice and ask yourself:

- Who? Did I do my project? Did anyone help me? How did they help me?
- What? What software did I use to make my project? What new skill did I learn to help me with my project? What did I think was the easiest part? What was the most difficult part? What is the purpose of my project? What works and what doesn't work?
- Why? Why did I make my project? Did I make my project for a class assignment?
- Where? Where did I create my project? Did I make it at school, home or both? Where did I get my information? Where are my citations?
- When? When did I make my project?
- How? How did I make my project special and unique? How creative was I in the design of my project? How long did it take me to create my project? How would I improve it next time? How much fun did I have participating in the virtual technology fair?
- Significant Impact? My project is important because? How is it helpful to me or others?