



**NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS**

## *Celebrating Girls in STEM Showcase School FAQs*

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Duke Energy Explorium



**Q: Our school is interested in having some of our girls exhibit at the showcase! How can they be considered for a slot?**

A: Submit your proposal through our [event page](#) by **Friday, April 26, 2019**. After submission, your proposal will undergo review. You will be notified of your proposal's status on or before **Friday, May 3**. If you are not notified by that date, email [josh@ncpubliccharters.org](mailto:josh@ncpubliccharters.org).

**Q: What is the Association review committee looking for in student exhibits?**

A: School leaders are asked to select exemplary STEM projects completed by groups of girls in alignment with the scientific method. The group will present a [tri-fold presentation board](#) that outlines their

project by category: title, test question, hypothesis, variables, materials, procedure, data, results/interpretation, and conclusion.

**Q: How many proposals can we submit?**

A: Schools may submit multiple proposals. As mentioned earlier, each request will undergo review. Keep in mind that the review committee is seeking variety.

**Q: Do we need to submit our entire project to the Association?**

A: No. We only ask for the proposal. You and your students are expected to be prepared to present with all materials the day of the showcase.

**Q: Our school's proposal selected! What do we do now?**

A: You will receive an email asking you to confirm your spot in the exhibit. Upon confirmation, we will add your school to the program. We encourage you to share the news with your school on your school's website, social media, community boards, and other outlets in your area!



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We ask that all exhibiting schools arrive at the [Duke Energy Explorium](#) no later than 10:30am to set up. It is very important that you all are on time because we want to have exhibits ready to present to the speakers, panelists, professors, media, and other attendees immediately after the keynote address and Q & A with the panel.



**Q: More than one of our proposals was selected! Can we present more than one exhibit?**

A: Yes, your school may present more than one exhibit, but they each must be in different grade categories. For example, Blockbuster Academy may have four exhibits: one in the Kindergarten – 2nd grade category, one in the 3rd – 5th grade category, one in the 6th – 8th grade category, and one in the 9th – 12th grade category. No two exhibits from the same

school may be presented in the same grade category. If the review committee selects two proposals from the same grade category, you must choose which one will be presented.

**Q: Will there be assigned tables?**

A: No. Tables will be accessed on a first-come, first-serve basis the day of the showcase. We ask that if you do not need an electrical outlet for your exhibit, that you choose a table that is away from one in consideration for schools that need an electrical outlet. Schools that need an electrical outlet are asked to bring extension cords or power strips.

**Q; Our school's proposal wasn't selected. Will we be told why? Should we still attend?**

A: Unfortunately, due to our busy [conference](#) season we will not have time to provide feedback on your proposal. We still encourage your school to come, support the girls' exhibits, have lunch on us, and enjoy the day at the Explorium!



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**Q: Can we just email you to let you know our school wants to exhibit?**

A: An email that says, for example, “Hey, I want to let you know that we want to present at the showcase!”, is not that helpful. There’s information captured in the proposal we need to forward to the review committee. Emailing us without completing the form will likely result in an email thread that becomes more time-consuming.



**Q: Our proposal was selected, but now we can’t make it. What should we do?**

A: We encourage you to find a substitute and update [josh@ncpubliccharters.org](mailto:josh@ncpubliccharters.org). If you are unable to find a substitute and you must cancel, we will find another school to fill your slot ASAP. If after cancelling, your school is now able to come, you will only be allowed to attend because your original slot will be filled by another school.

**Q: What is the schedule for the day?**

A:	10:30am	Students set up exhibits
	11:00am	Keynote speech from <a href="#">Dr. Nehemiah Mabry</a>
	11:30am	Q & A session with panelists
	12:00pm	Showcase student exhibits and tour Explorium
	1:00pm	Boxed lunch picnic at gazebo / lake outside Explorium
	1:30pm	Science Demo / Film / Activity (TBD)
	2:30pm	Students breakdown and return to school

[Click Here to Submit Your Exhibition Proposal](#)