

# Parent and Advisor Code of Ethics

## Minnesota State Science and Engineering Fair

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Scientific fraud and misconduct are not condoned at any level of research or competition. Plagiarism, use or presentation of other researcher's work as one's own, forgery of approval signatures and fabrication or falsification of data or approval dates will not be tolerated. Fraudulent projects will fail to qualify for competition in affiliated fairs.

Parent and Advisor Code of Ethics and Conduct:

- I will provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my student(s) participating in the competition.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all competitors, judges, teachers, mentors, and officials at the event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my student(s) ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will do my best to provide a safe environment for my student(s).
- I will lead by example in demonstrating a healthy attitude about the event's competition level.
- I will remember that I am a parent or advisor and that the competition is for the students.
- I will ask my student(s) to treat competitors, advisors, and staff with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I promise to help my student(s) enjoy the science experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful visitor.
- I will be knowledgeable about the MAS and ISEF rules and will convey these rules to my students.
- I will abide by all decisions made by judges and understand that all decisions made by judges are final.
- I will ensure that my student(s) observe the curfew indicated in the program booklet.
- In the event that I wish to file a formal complaint about something which has happened at the competition, I will follow official MAS complaint procedures.