SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT TIMELINE

	TASK	DATE DUE
1.	Choose an investigative question. Be able to identify your independent and dependent variables. Variables must be measurable.	
2.	Do some background research/get advice.* Use at least 2 sources. Write a summary of your research (minimum 1 page).	
3.	Develop a hypothesis based on your background research. Include what you predict will happen and why.	
4.	List the procedures you will use to test your hypothesis. Plan on trying your experiment at least 5 times.	
5.	Make a list of your materials/gather your materials.	
6.	Conduct your investigation/collect data. Make and record observations and measurements, record changes of variables.	
7.	Display the results of all trials, totals, and averages on a data table.	
8.	Make a graph of your results.	
9.	Write a conclusion based on your data. Restate the investigative question. Was your hypothesis correct? Use results to support your conclusion; include error analysis and state what you learned.	
10.	Complete applications, future research, bibliography (use the correct format), and acknowledgments.	
11.	Write, proofread and rewrite your Science Fair Notebook. Use soft report covers - no 3 ring binders please.	
12.	Complete your Science Fair Backboard.	
13.	Display your Science Fair Project (Notebook and Backboard.)	
14.	Be prepared to present your project orally. Limit presentations to 3 minutes.	

**** NOTE: You are invited to attend the District-sponsored "Ask-a-Scientist Night" on October 19, 2011, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at Rancho San Joaquin Middle School.***