

What to Expect Tomorrow

Synopsys Championship Judging Day

Remember to wear your name badge and bring the floorplan map to your project.

Dress for success, as neatly and professionally as possible.

Arrive promptly but not too early. The doors to South Hall open at 1:25 PM for grades 9-12 and at 1:55 PM for grades 6-8. *Exception: students who need to complete compliance requirements must arrive 30 minutes early.*

Be ready to stay at your project display until 6 PM

- There may be long periods between judges. Bring homework or something to read while sitting quietly.
- Bring bottled water and a snack if you will be hungry because food is not available at South Hall. Keep your project area tidy.
- Students must be present at the board to be judged. For team projects, at least one student must be present. Leave a conspicuous note at your board with an ETA if you take a restroom break.

Judging Basics

Judges start reviewing project boards in the morning but will return to ask questions once the students arrive.

Judges will probably speak with you one at a time. Some Judges represent Category Awards (1st, 2nd, HM in your scientific category) while others are looking for Special Award recipients, and all are really important.

- Please ask **Category Award judges** (wearing blue ribbons) to sign your Compliance Checklist.
- **Special Awards judges** (wearing white ribbons) represent various organizations with an interest in STEM. Some judges will look at every project on the floor while others are interested only in projects having to do with a specific subject.

Judging usually takes place between 1:30 and 5 PM for grades 9-12 and 2 to 5 PM for grades 6-8. You may be asked to stay by your project from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM so that we can complete judging. If not, this is your chance to view other projects at the fair.

Synopsys Championship public viewing is from 5 to 6 PM and students are expected to stay until 6 PM.

Remove project boards between 6 and 6:30 PM. Boards removed before 6 may be disqualified.