

Student name: _____ Grade/age: _____

**TWIN CITIES REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR
EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITION COMMENTS**

Congratulations on writing a scientific research paper and competing at the Twin Cities regional level! This is a high honor, which few young people will achieve. Here are some specific things that you can work on to help you advance even further next year.

- _____ **Spelling and/or grammar** need work

- _____ **Bibliography/Works Cited** is missing or needs work in form or content. Use original sources, not sources that are quoted by your sources. Include the URL and date accessed for web site references.

- _____ **Pages** of the body of the paper must be numbered.

- _____ **Hypothesis** and/or **Problem** needs to be clearly stated.

- _____ **Metric measurements** are expected in scientific research.

- _____ The **Scientific method** needs to be apparent in your work. Knowledge of **variables, controls, and sources of error** should be demonstrated. The experimental work presented must be that of the student.

- _____ **Charts and graphs** should be clearly labeled.

- _____ The **Abstract** is missing, not clearly stated, or is over the 250 word limit.

- _____ **Information from other sources** must be acknowledged.

- _____ *Paper must meet **TCRSF criteria** required for competition.

Investigative papers must meet the same SRC criteria as required for projects (see ISEF rules).

Additional comments: _____
