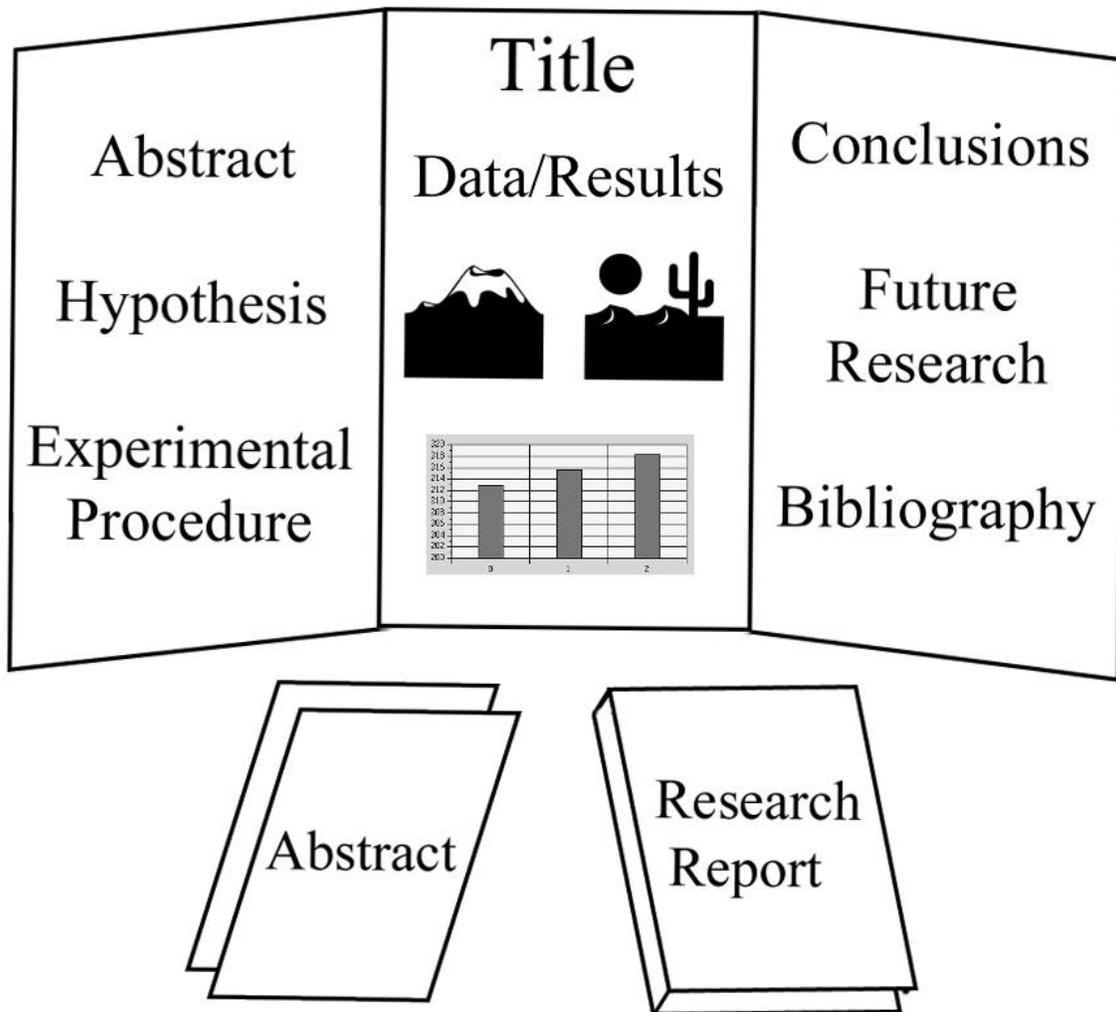


**SOUTH JERSEY JUNIOR SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM (SJSS)**  
**GENERAL POSTER SESSION**  
**Gymnasium – Ocean County College**  
**MARCH 30, 2017 – 1:00 PM**  
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Student papers selected for a poster presentation at the SJSS must follow these guidelines



(Above poster layout is a suggestion rather than a strict template)

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## SOUTH JERSEY JUNIOR SCIENCE POSTER PRESENTATION

### Definition:

- The poster is a hybrid between the research paper and the oral presentation. The primary purpose of a poster is to communicate what was done, what data was obtained, the researcher's conclusions and the researcher's recommendation for future research. A poster is more concise since the author is present to explain and elaborate. You should typically have a single page for each section.

### Composition:

The poster contains the following sections:

- Title, Name, School
- Student's name and school
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions
- Acknowledgements



### Display:

- A tabletop Poster Session display must be designed and constructed. The display must fit within a 36" x 48" – (not to exceed 24" deep). The entire display including all components may not weigh over 25 pounds. Tables will be supplied and posters should be able to stand independently.
- Posters should be readable from a distance of 4 feet.
- The Title should be at least one inch (72 pts) in height. The student's name and school should be ¾ inch high (54 pts). All other lettering should be in 24-point font size.
- The poster should be balanced and organized in a logical, sequential order.
- Keep the amount of text to a minimum.
- Use white background space to make the reading easier.
- There is more emphasis on graphics, tables, charts, and graphs.
- You can use photographs in addition to other illustrations. Figures may be in color.
- The display must be designed to be self-supporting and free standing on a tabletop. The display may be constructed of any appropriate and safe material. No hazardous materials may be used and all elements must adhere to applicable codes.

## **Poster Judging Criteria:**

### **Research Design**

- Clarity in stating the problem
- Identification of important variables
- Appropriateness of research equipment
- Recognition of limitations in the data
- Degree to which the data supported the conclusions
- Originality of the research topics

### **Poster**

- Effective use of tables and/or figures in presenting data
- Accuracy of spelling and grammar
- Neatness and organization of poster
- Original copyright free graphics and images are encouraged. In the event that copyrighted material is used, the contestants must accurately and completely document the sources and obtain permission where required.

### **Presentation**

- Organization of presentation
- Handling of questions from judges

In the poster session, presenters remain close to their posters, during judging, and are available to answer questions and discuss their research. Electrical and Internet connections will not be available.

You need to bring your own poster board, which stands independently upon a regular table for your presentation. A table will be provided. You may place handouts on the table to distribute to interested people. All materials to be displayed should be prepared before you arrive. Supplies will not be available at the symposium.