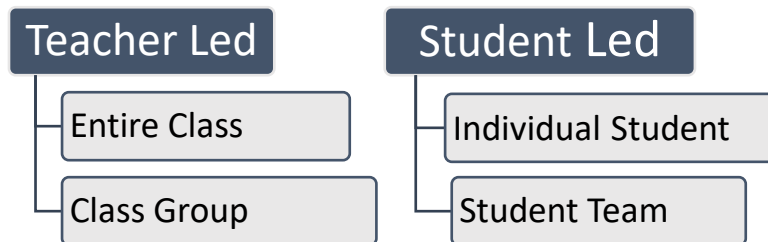


## Clarification and Importance of Correct Identification of Project Types

*In order to keep judging fair for the students, and to prevent confusion with awards, it is essential that Elementary Projects be labeled with the correct project type.*



### Project Types and Categories Explained

- **Teacher Led Category** – **Entire Class** projects and **Class Group** projects fall under the Teacher Led Category. **Entire Class** projects are teacher led/supervised and are worked on and completed by the entire class primarily during class time. **Class Group** projects are also teacher led/supervised, but will be comprised of smaller class groups that work on and complete a project primarily during class time. **Due to space constraints, Entire Class and Class Group can only send 2 students to present the project at the Regional Fair. There will be NO Exceptions so plan accordingly.**
- **Student Led Category** – **Individual Student** and **Student Teams** fall under the Student Led Category. These projects are worked on, and completed primarily outside of school, by an **Individual Student** or a **Student Team** of 2 (sometimes 3 ) students. Teachers may use some class time to help support students with the scientific method; however, the majority of these projects are done at home, or after school.

### **Why does this matter?**

**Judging:** projects will now be judged against projects that are the same category type, and when possible, against the same project type. This means that we will first plan to judge Entire Class projects against Entire Class Projects, Class Group projects against Class Group projects, Individual Students against Individual Students, and Student Teams against Student Teams. However, if there are not enough entrants in a specific project type the projects will be put together with projects from the same category. Meaning Teacher Led projects will only be judged against other Teacher Led projects and Student Led Projects will only be judged against other Student Led Projects. Judging divisions may be comprised of a mix of Entire Class projects and Class Group projects **OR** a mix of Individual Student projects and Student Team projects, but there will be no other combinations for judging.

**Awards:** Correct Project Labeling Is also essential for awards. Cash awards won by teacher led projects (Entire Class & Class Group) will be awarded to the school for the money to be given to the teacher to benefit the classroom. Cash awards won by student led projects (Individual Student & Student Team) will be awarded directly to the student in the student's name.

In an effort to eliminate the confusion that this information causes every year, we ask that all Elementary Science Fair Coordinators send this to their science teachers BEFORE any projects begin. Questions? Please email Pat Hiser at [Patrick.Hiser@indianriverschools](mailto:Patrick.Hiser@indianriverschools).