



## **Suggested Guidelines to Advance to District Fair & Beyond**

1. The project is **pre-approved with signatures and correct dates** on the USEF Science Fair Form. This includes teacher signature.
2. Experiments should have at least **three trials**. There are exceptions to this, and you should use your best judgment in determining whether a project should have three or not. Examples may include engineering and computer science projects, or those where it was not possible for the student to conduct three trials.
3. Engineering projects should generally follow an engineering design process, not hypothesis testing. However, a teacher may have required a hypothesis from a student, so you may need to be flexible on this. Additionally, a hypothesis statement for a science project does not need to include the word “hypothesis,” but something similar should be there.
4. For projects involving **bacteria/fungi/microbes**, BE SURE that the experiment was conducted in an **approved laboratory setting** (NOT at home).
5. **Data** is displayed appropriately and was analyzed by the student (i.e., student **can explain** what it means).