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## Shaping young scientific minds

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oung scientists, mainly residents and students of Cotulla and Encinal ISDs, will be gathering at the La Salle County Science Fair for their chance to shine.

Students of all ages will create inspiring and innovative science projects that will broaden and educate the minds of all who participate and spectate. They will be judged on their knowledge and presentation of science and/or technology of the projects they have prepared and entered into the fair's contest.

The main motive behind a science fair is for students to answer a question or task, not from a textbook, but from learned and proven experience. They must figure out for themselves the answers to these questions



by conducting a range of experiments and research in the short amount of time allocated to them.

These science fairs provide

a mechanism for students with interest in sciences to share the experience with like-minded individuals. They will also have an opportunity to meet mentors from nearby colleges or universities. This valuable networking scene can open doors so that they can gain access to instruction and equipment that some local schools cannot provide.

Students will set up their displays and projects at the LCFA Exhibit Hall.

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