

# CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2014 PROJECT SUMMARY

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**Project Number** 

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# **Project Title**

# At What Grade Level Can Children Differentiate between Candy and Non-Candy Items?

## **Abstract**

# **Objectives/Goals**

The objective of my project was to determine at what grade level can children distinguish between candy and non-candy items.

#### Methods/Materials

To test my project, I tested 10 girls and 10 boys, in grade levels Preschool through eighth grade (ages 2 - 14). To test my subjects, I glued four candy items and four non-candy items to a piece of poster board. I numbered the items 1 - 8, and asked each test subject if they thought the item is candy or not candy.

#### Results

I had hypothesized that the preschool aged subjects would have an accuracy rate of 35%. My results exceeded my hypothesis because the preschoolers had a 52% accuracy rate. Another surprising result was that fifth grade did the best with an accuracy rate of 86%. In addition, the item most commonly identified as candy was a Tums.

# **Conclusions/Discussion**

In conclusion, I determined that it is extremely important to keep all medicines and harmful products out of the reach of ALL children because a large majority of my test subjects could not correctly differentiate between what was candy and what was not.

## **Summary Statement**

My project was about determining whether or not children can tell the difference between what is candy and what is not candy.

## Help Received

Dad helped me type and make graphs