The Ohio Academy of Science Mission Statement

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**Mission Statement**

The mission of The Ohio Academy of Science, a non-profit organization of those interested in science and technology, is to empower curiosity, discovery and innovation by stimulating interest in the sciences and technology, promoting and supporting research, improving science education, disseminating scientific knowledge, and recognizing and publicizing high achievement in attaining these objectives.

...Empowering curiosity, discovery and innovation for the 21st Century.

Through its Junior Academy, Senior Academy and Central Office, The Ohio Academy of Science provides support activities, runs annual meetings and science fairs, and publishes a journal and newsletter that reports about development in science and technology.

**Goals**

1. The Ohio Academy of Science (a not-for-profit corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Ohio) shall encourage and assure the discovery, understanding, dissemination, and practice of science, mathematics, engineering, and related disciplines in the public and private schools, the universities and colleges, the museums, the mines, farms, factories, and service establishments of Ohio. The Ohio Academy of Science shall represent the interests of all individuals and institutions that have a vital interest in science, science education, and the application of science and engineering through technology.

2. The objectives of the Academy shall include facilitating research to widen the knowledge base of mankind, and to enhance the welfare of all citizens through more efficient applications of science to production through new technologies. The objectives shall include facilitating science education at all academic levels.

3. The Ohio Academy of Science shall promote and assure the interaction of scientists and engineers across disciplinary lines by means of publications, symposia, workshops, annual statewide meetings, regional meetings and other regional initiatives.

4. The Ohio Academy of Science shall monitor the advances of science and technology and shall advise the State of Ohio through committees of the legislature and through the office of the Governor on changing science priorities, in order to address the changing needs of Ohio citizens.

5. The Ohio Academy of Science shall facilitate interaction between research and development personnel in industrial and business enterprises with the researchers and development personnel of university departments and other research facilities in order to induce innovation in the production sectors of the Ohio economy and to proactively encourage rapid adoption of new and better technologies.

6. The Ohio Academy of Science shall monitor federal and state research agendas and inform Ohio research groups (both public and private) of opportunities and research undertakings that will be funded at least partially by the federal and state government.

7. The Ohio Academy of Science shall widen public understanding of science through existing communication channels, and shall endeavor to create in Ohio a value system that encourages creativity and innovation and public appreciation of scientists and engineers, science teachers and professors, and other technical people that apply science in their occupations. The Academy shall recognize and publicize high achievements in science, engineering and teaching. Moreover, the Academy shall encourage related career development programs and shall encourage graduate and post-graduate learning in the science disciplines.

8. The Ohio Academy of Science recognizes that the applications of science, engineering and mathematics to the industries and arts of civilization are the mainspring of rising standards of living for the welfare of people everywhere; and that a citizenry informed in the purviews of science is the basis for appropriate public policy in a free society.

9. To accomplish the purposes of the mission The Ohio Academy of Science shall maintain a permanent central office, a junior academy; and a senior academy to provide support activities, including an annual meeting, science fairs, regional meetings, symposia and workshops; and shall publish *The Ohio Journal of Science*, and a newsletter, and special publications from time to time in order to report developments in science and technology.

Adopted by The Ohio Academy of Science Executive Committee
September 6, 1991.