



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### What about the boys?

Although boy and girls both face academic challenges, women are less likely than their male counterparts to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), especially in the areas of engineering, physics and computer science. The strategies *SciGirls* uses to engage girls in STEM have been proven to work with *all* learners, including underrepresented youth. Our methods and activities do not exclude boys, but rather create learning environments that nurture girls' interest and engagement. We are upfront and unapologetic of the *SciGirls* mission because we believe that *everyone* benefits from a gender equitable approach to STEM.

### When is *SciGirls* on TV?

*SciGirls* is broadcast on 86% of PBS stations nationwide, and each station chooses the particular day and time for broadcast. Check your local listings for air times in your community. If you don't find it, the shows may have already aired. Watch for repeats or contact the Programming Department of your PBS station and ask when they'll air the series again.

Full episodes are streamed online at [pbskids.org/scigirls/video](http://pbskids.org/scigirls/video) and can be downloaded for free from iTunes. Videos that are chaptered for educational use are available at [pbs.org/teachers/scigirls](http://pbs.org/teachers/scigirls).

### Do boys watch *SciGirls*?

Yes! Boys watch the show and see girls as confident, STEM problem-solvers. Many women grew up watching *Mr. Wizard* or *Bill Nye the Science Guy* and became engaged in STEM. Boys watching *SciGirls* is no different.

### How do you choose girls for the show?

We try to find girls who have some interest or previous experience with the topic for a particular episode. For example, for the episode *Horsing Around*, we held open casting calls at various horse barns around the area. In other instances, groups of girls were recommended to us because of their outstanding work in STEM!

### How is your website really "safe" for kids?

*SciGirls* is a COPPA (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act) compliant site. We do not collect any personal information about the children who register on our site. Therefore, we do not know the age, gender, or geographic location of our registered users! All information is created from pull down menus and previously vetted information. The exception is our Project Pages where kids can upload their science and engineering projects. For these, every word of text is reviewed before going "live" on the site and all photos must be accompanied by a parent release form.

### Can boys post projects on the *SciGirls* website?

Of course! We do not exclude boys from the site. Boys can log on and create a profile. There are boy avatars available, as well.

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