



★ Frequently Asked Questions

I can't come to the NHD-CA Contest. What should I do?

Please inform your teacher or county coordinator, right away, so that the runner-up can advance.

Do all students in a group have to be present at NHD-CA?

No. However, all members of a group must register and pay for the competition even if they can't attend. NOTE FOR GROUP PERFORMANCE: groups can rewrite the script, but CANNOT add or replace group members.

Do students have to be at the NHD-CA competition for the whole time?

No, students just have to be there the day(s) they are judged. Elementary (poster) students only need to attend on Saturday. Note: Poster awards will be presented on Saturday afternoon. Junior division preliminary judging will take place on Friday. Senior Division preliminary judging will take place on Saturday. Junior and Senior Division Awards will be on Sunday morning.

Do students have to come to Rocklin to be judged? Can NHD-CA do tele-/video conferences or phone interviews?

Students must be present to compete. No tele-/video conferencing or phone interviews will be conducted.

Do teachers have to register for the contest?

Yes. Teachers with students advancing to the state competition must register for NHD-CA. **Teachers who plan to attend MUST** also inform us that they are going to be present at the competition. Teacher registration is free.

Do parents have to register for the contest if they are not coming?

Yes. A parent or legal guardian must register with every child by entering their information in the "parent/guardian" section within student registration. Parent registration is free.

What if someone else is paying for me?

If your school or another agency (district, county, PTA, etc.) is covering your \$95 registration fee, you will need to enter the name of the agency when prompted. This must be done before the **March 27th** deadline or you/the agency will be charged a \$25 late fee.

Can a school or other agency use a Credit Card to pay for all of the students they are paying for?

Yes. To do this you need to contact Jennifer Morones to set up the payment - (916) 228-2217 or jmorones@scoe.net

Can students change the title of their project or a misspelled name?

Yes, these items can be changed or corrected by the student at any time. However, we recommend doing this before April 15th so the changes are reflected in printed materials. Send an email to info@nhdca.org. The email must include (student name, school, teacher, old title, & new title)

Can a parent/chaperone check-in for students?

NHD-CA encourages participating students to check-in; however, adults representing students may check-in for their students if necessary. However, teachers may not check-in groups of students.

When can students set up their exhibit?

- Thursday from 6:00 – 9:00 PM (Jr./Sr. Divisions)
- Friday from 7:30 – 8:45 AM (Jr./Sr. Divisions)
- Friday 5:45 – 7:00 PM (Sr. Divisions only)
- Saturday from 7:30 – 8:45 AM (Sr. Divisions only)

When can students set up their posters?

- Friday from 6:00 – 9:00 PM
- Saturday from 7:30 – 8:45 AM

When can posters be removed?

Posters may be removed on Saturday after the elementary awards ceremony.



When can exhibits be removed?

The contest schedule lists the appropriate times to remove exhibits that are not advancing to a final round of judging. Please adhere to these times.

NOTE: Your county will be charged a \$50 fee for each exhibit not removed.

What do I do if my exhibit is large and/or heavy?

Adults may help CARRY your project into the display hall and lift it on to the table if necessary. However, students must set up their own exhibit/poster.

Is there a storage room for performance props?

Yes, we will designate a room or space for props to be stored.

Where do I go to get my entry number?

Entry numbers will be listed in the Interview Schedule that will be posted online at <https://www.nhdca.org/statecontest> on April 30th.

Do I turn in a hard copy of my Process Paper and Annotated Bibliography if I have a website entry?

Yes, please bring **three** copies of your Process Paper and Annotated Bibliography for the judges to view. See information for Websites under Entry information on page 10.

What happens if I am a finalist?

- **Performances:** If you are a part of a performance entry, you must be present during the final round of judging to provide judges with your Process Paper/Annotated Bibliography and to perform. There will be no interview during the final round. Your performance will be open to spectators, just as it was during the preliminary judging.

- **All other entry types:** If you have an exhibit, documentary, poster, website, or historical paper entry you do **NOT** need to do anything. You will not be present when your project is evaluated during the finals round judging.
- **Posters** do not have a final round of judging.

Do I need to be at the Awards Ceremony?

No. However, we encourage everyone to attend. If you are declared a California champion you will need to attend an important meeting about the National Contest immediately following the awards ceremony.

How and when do I get my judging sheets?

Judging sheets will be available immediately after the Awards Ceremony has concluded. Any judging sheets not picked up will be e-mailed to students or teachers upon request. If you cannot stay for the awards ceremony, we encourage you to have a teacher or friend pick up your judging sheets for you.

Can parents and other participants watch an interview?

- **Documenty & Performance** rooms are open to the public (space permitting). Please only enter rooms in between scheduled interviews. Phones must be on silent.
- **Historical Paper & Website** rooms are not open to the public.
- **Exhibit & Poster** rooms are not open to the public. However, the Exhibit/Poster Hall will be open at designated times for students to share their projects and for contest spectators to enjoy the many amazing projects developed by California students.