



★ Frequently Asked Questions

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 PERFORMANCES: groups may rewrite the script, but MAY NOT add or replace group members.

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

You must be present for your interview on Saturday. If you are part of a performance that advances to a final round, you must be present for the final judging on Sunday.

Can I pick what day my interview will be on?

No, All students interviews will be on Saturday. Sunday is only finals judging. See final judging below.

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, podcast, poster, website, or historical paper entry you do **NOT** need to do anything. Final round attendance is not required for these categories.

Do I need to be at the Awards Ceremony?

No. However, we encourage everyone to attend. If you are declared a California champion we will notify you. You will need to attend a zoom champions' meeting on Wednesday, April 19th at 7:00 PM.

Do students have to bring physical exhibits & posters?

Yes, all posters and exhibits must be physical. No virtual submission will be allowed.

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 parent/guardians have to register for the contest?

No. Parent/guardian information is submitted as part of student registration.

What if someone else is paying for me?

If your school or another agency (district, county, PTA, etc.) is covering your \$105 registration fee, you will need to enter the name of the agency when prompted. This must be done before the **March 15th** 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 by emailing her at nhdca@scoe.net

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

Yes, use the link on the contest page to submit changes by March 30th.

Can a parent, chaperone, or teacher check in for students?

No, all students must pick up their own registration packet at check-in.



When can students set up their exhibits?

- Friday from 6:00 - 9:00 PM (Jr./Sr. Divisions)
- Saturday from 7:30 – 8:45 AM (Jr./Sr. Divisions)
- Saturday from 12:30 - 1:00 PM -- Only for Junior and Senior Division with PM interviews

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.

What are the rules for exhibit set-up?

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 6th.

Do I bring paper copies of my Process Paper and Annotated Bibliography if I have a website entry?

Yes, please see Entry Information on page 13.

How and when do I get my judging sheets?

Judging sheets will be available immediately after the Awards Ceremony has concluded. Website and paper score sheets will be emailed. If you cannot

stay for the awards ceremony, we encourage you to have a teacher or friend pick up your judging sheets for you. Any remaining score sheets will be mailed to the student address we have on file.

Can parents and other participants watch an interview?

- **Documentary, Podcast & Performance** rooms are open to the public (space permitting). Please only enter rooms in between scheduled interviews. Phones must be on silent.
- **Elementary Podcast** rooms are not open to the public. However, we will be streaming podcasts at designated times.
- **Historical Paper & Website** rooms are not open to the public.
- **Exhibit & Poster** rooms are not open to the public. However, the Exhibit/Poster rooms 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.