



Entry Information – Posters

Elementary Division

Location: Ballroom, Student Union

Upon Arrival: Student check-in is on the second floor of the Student Union in the Cottonwood Room.

Prior to the Contest:

By 8:00 a.m. on May 2nd

- You **MUST** upload **ONE pdf** which includes your title page, process paper, and annotated bibliography.

To upload your pdf, refer to the Upload Instructions located on the [State Contest Page](#).

What to Bring:

- Your physical poster & 4 copies of your process paper and annotated bibliography.
- When you have finished setting up, leave four copies at your Poster and mark one "DISPLAY COPY". You may also want to bring an additional copy for your own reference.

Set-Up: We will provide a table-top easel stand for your poster. Students are required to do all set-up.

Public Viewing of Posters: Our highest priority is to make sure the poster/exhibit hall is a place for fair judging. Access to poster areas will be limited at several points during the day. Public viewing times will be: 1:00 pm – 2:00pm on Saturday

Final-Round Judging: There will be no final round judging for the poster category. Instead, judges will select a champion and a runner-up from each heat. Heats will have 8-10 entries.

Awards

Awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

Poster Removal

Posters can be removed from 3:45-4:00 PM after Saturday's Awards Ceremony.

Poster Judging/Interview Process

The Viewing Process (15 minutes)

- All students in a heat enter together (8-10 projects)
- Students and judges participate in an informal gallery walk & use provided post it notes to leave affirmations on the other posters in their heat.
- No formal presentations or introductions.

The Interview Process (30 minutes)

- Once interviews begin, students stand by their projects and judges will come by to discuss their entry (no longer than 3-5 minutes)
- Judges will ask open-ended questions (see below) with the intent to engage the student(s) in conversation about their entry.
- Once interview is completed, students exit the room.

Judges choose their questions from the list below.

- How did you choose your topic?
- How did you research your topic?
- How does your topic connect to this year's theme?
- How did you create your project?
- What did you learn that surprised you?
- What source was the most helpful?
- What would you like to know more about?

Be Sure to Bring

- Your poster
- Four copies of your title page, process paper, and bibliography
 - stapled (no other covers or bindings)
 - printed before coming to state