



ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THIRD
NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

August 26 – September 5, 2022

Grand Island, NE

Education Department



Welcome to the 2022 Education Department

The Education Department of the Nebraska State Fair invites all students who have completed Kindergarten through Grade 12 in the spring of 2022 to participate in the educational activities offered at the State Fair. Students do **not** need to qualify at the county level to enter. Adults are welcome to enter the “Warmth for Veterans” class and the Cipher Down competition.

Send all entry information directly to Judi Harper, Education Superintendent, using the Education Entry Form and the following email address: statefaired@gmail.com. Contact the State Fair Office at (308) 382-1620 if this is not an option. The entry form deadline is **Friday, July 15**.

Each competitor and sponsor in an Education Department event requiring gate admission to participate at the Fair will receive free admission for each day the student is competing.

Judi Harper
2022 Nebraska State Fair Education Superintendent

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- A new category “Duet” has been added. Details on Page 15.
- Art projects involving 2 or 3 students will be judged with individual projects. Art projects with 4 or more students will be “Group Art.”
- A new category “Persuasive Speaking” has been added. Details on Page 15.
- A new category “History Board” has been added. Details on Page 20.
- A new category “Illustrated Book” has been added. Details on Page 21
- Monologue, Duet, Informative Speaking, Persuasive Speaking, and Entertainment Speaking will take place during the second weekend of the Fair, on Sunday, September 4.
- Several changes have been made to “Know Nebraska.” Details on Page 24.
- Snowflakes in Scherenschnitte Snowflakes must have 6 sides.
- Penmanship for Grades 3-12 must be single spaced.
- Covid Creativity, Slide Presentation, and Small Group Art have been eliminated.
- Sidewalk chalk art has been added. Details are still being worked out at the time of this printing.
- Education sweepstakes points will be given for Food Department Cupcake Decorating Contest. Details on Page 13.
- Scholarships will be paid with checks from the Nebraska State Fair following the Fair.



Important Dates

- Entry Deadline #1: Friday, July 15, **entry forms** for **all** classes are due. **Completed** essays, poems, penmanship, and short stories are also due at this time.
- Entry Deadline #2: Saturday, August 20, 6 pm—all static entries (other than those due on July 15) must be in place in the education exhibit area in the north end of the Fonner Concourse. Exhibits may be delivered **between 1 pm and 6 pm** on August 20. They may also be delivered earlier that week by emailing statefaired@gmail.com to set up a time or to the State Fair Office through August 10.
- Exhibit Release: Monday, September 5, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm and Tuesday, September 6, 8:00 am—noon. **See important details about exhibit release under “Release of Exhibits” on Page 4.**

Awards

Unless otherwise specified, awards given in each division of the various Education competitions will be:

1st place	\$100 scholarship, plaque, rosette & T-shirt
2nd place	\$50 scholarship, plaque, rosette & T-shirt
3rd place	\$25 scholarship, rosette & T-shirt
4th-6th places	Rosette & T-shirt
7th-10th places	Ribbons & T-shirt
Honorable Mention	Ribbons & T-shirt at Judge’s discretion



A student will receive a maximum of one education T-shirt per year.

NEW this year: Scholarships earned this year will be paid to the student with a check following the State Fair.

Education Department Rules

The **Open Class Competitive Exhibits General Rules & Regulations** apply to all of the Education Department exhibits. In addition, the following rules also apply:

- Competing in the Education Department is limited to students enrolled in Nebraska schools and home schools.
- All exhibits must remain on display until the scheduled release time or awards may be forfeited.
- An erroneously entered exhibit may be transferred to the proper competition class.
- Each student will receive a maximum of one free admission ticket per competition day.
- If any exhibitor interferes with the judges in the performance of their duties by letter, act, or otherwise, he/she shall be excused from competition and shall forfeit any awards received at this Fair.
- Any person, not an exhibitor, who interferes with the judges during the performance of their duties, shall be asked to leave the judging area, and the student(s) may be disqualified

Ticket Policy

Each competitor and each sponsor in an Education Department event requiring admission to the Nebraska State Fair will be given one complimentary gate admission ticket for each day the student is competing. Teachers will be asked to return all tickets for students who do not compete. Upon receipt of the competition entry form, a ticket order form will be **emailed** to each sponsor. It is the sponsor's responsibility to distribute copies of the ticket order form to the students.

Exhibitors/competitors, parents, and sponsors may purchase Exhibitor Gate Tickets at a reduced price on the Education Department Ticket Order Form. Checks and money orders should be made payable to **Nebraska State Fair**. A maximum of 5 exhibitor tickets per family is allowed. No refunds will be given on any unused or lost tickets.

Completed Exhibitor Gate ticket order forms must be mailed to: Nebraska State Fair, PO Box 1387, Grand Island NE, 68802-1387, Attn: Vickie Sich, with a check or money order for the proper amount payable to **Nebraska State Fair**. Exhibitor tickets are available **only** with the appropriate form and **only** for advance purchase. **The form will not be accepted at the gate.** Tickets may also be purchased with the form at the Ticket Office in the Nebraska State Fair Administration building, 1st floor, on entry day, Saturday, August 20th, from 1-6 pm or from Vickie Sich in the Racing Office on August 22nd, August 23rd, or August 24th from 9 am to 5 pm.

No Exhibitor Gate Tickets will be *mailed* after Friday, August 5, due to length of delivery time by the USPS, but instead will be held for pick-up in the Racing Office on the State Fairgrounds from Vickie Sich on August 22nd, August 23rd, or August 24th from 9 am to 5 pm or at Will Call at the Main Gate during the Fair. Gates open at 10 am. **Note that Will Call will not be open at the time the competitions begin on August 27th and August 28th.**

Education Department tickets are not available through Showorks.

Re-admission to the grounds on the same calendar day is offered via a hand stamp at all exit gates.

How to Enter

Email entry forms to statefaired@gmail.com using the Education Entry Form Excel File. If you need the fill-in entry form, email Superintendent, Judi Harper at statefaired@gmail.com. Entry forms must be received by **midnight Friday, July 15**.

Delivery of Exhibits

Essays, poems, penmanship, and short stories are due on **Friday, July 15**. Options for delivery include:

- USPS to Nebraska State Fair Office, PO Box 1387, Grand Island NE, 68802-1387
- UPS or Fed Ex to Nebraska State Fair Office, 501 E Fonner Park Rd, Ste 200, Grand Island NE
- Hand delivery to Nebraska State Fair Office, 501 E Fonner Park Rd, Ste 200, Grand Island NE during normal business hours
- Emailed* to statefaired@gmail.com.

*If emailing penmanship to meet the July 15 deadline, the original must be received by **6 pm on Saturday, August 20**.

All other exhibits must arrive in the Education Department exhibit area **no later than 6 pm on Saturday, August 20**.

Options for delivery of exhibits due on August 20 include those listed above (except for email) as long as they arrive by 6 pm August 20. The entries may also be delivered *in person* to the Education Exhibit area between 1 pm and 6 pm on Saturday, August 20 or earlier that week by emailing statefaired@gmail.com to set up a time.

Release of Exhibits --- No Early Release

When picking up entries from the Education department, bring a list of your entries with you (a copy of the entry form works well). Check in with a staff member and she or he will locate your entries and bring them to you.

Entries may be picked up Monday, September 5, from 6 pm to 8 pm or Tuesday, September 6, from 8 am to noon in the Education Department in the Fonner Concourse. Exhibitors will select a pick-up time for **education department only**. Request a 15-minute time slot for every 15 entries. Time requests will be filled in the order that entry forms are received. Include your request for pick-up time with your entry form. Include a second choice. You will be notified of your time.

Exhibits not picked up during above designated times must be retrieved from the Nebraska State Fair Office, 501 E Fonner Park Rd, Ste 200, in Grand Island prior to Friday, October 28, 2022. After that they will be donated to charity.

LIVE COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Grades 3-8

Saturday, August 27

Event	Start Time	Location
Quiz Bowl Round Robin	8:15 am (grades 6-8)	Bosselman Conference Center, Rooms 1-4
Cup Stacking	10 am – 4:30 pm	Education exhibit area in Fonner Concourse
Construction Science	8:30 am – 4:30 pm	Fonner Park Clubhouse
Impromptu Speaking	10:00 am (grades 6-8)	Fonner Concourse stage
Poetry Recitation	10:00 am (grades 6-8)	Fonner Concourse stage
Poetry Recitation	12:00 pm (grades K-5)	Fonner Concourse stage
Quiz Bowl Bracketed Round	12:00 pm (grades 6-8)	Bosselman Conference Center, Rooms 1-4
Improvisation	2:00 pm (grades 6-8)	Bosselman Conference Center, Room 1
Cipher Down	4:00 pm	Fonner Park Clubhouse
Awards	4:30 pm**	Fonner Park Clubhouse

Sunday, August 28

Math	8:15 am	Fonner Park Clubhouse
Construction Science	8:30 am – 4:00 pm	Fonner Park Clubhouse
Cup Stacking	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Education exhibit area in Fonner Concourse
Social Studies	9:30 am	Fonner Park Clubhouse
Grammar	10:45 am	Fonner Park Clubhouse
Science	1:00 pm	Fonner Park Clubhouse
Spelling	2:15 pm	Fonner Park Clubhouse
Cipher Down	4:00 pm	Fonner Park Clubhouse
Awards	4:30 pm**	Fonner Park Clubhouse

Sunday, September 4

Monologue	10:00 am	Fonner Concourse Stage
Awards	1 pm	Fonner Concourse Stage

Grades 9-12

Saturday, August 27

Math	8:15 am	Fonner Park Clubhouse
Construction Science	8:30 am – 4:30 pm	Fonner Park Clubhouse
Cup Stacking	10:00 am – 4:30 pm	Education exhibit area in Fonner Concourse
Social Studies	9:30 am	Fonner Park Clubhouse
Grammar	10:45 am	Fonner Park Clubhouse
Science	1:00 pm	Fonner Park Clubhouse
Spelling	2:15 pm	Fonner Park Clubhouse
Cipher Down	4:00 pm	Fonner Park Clubhouse
Awards	4:30 pm**	Fonner Park Clubhouse

Grades 9-12

Sunday, August 28

Event	Start Time	Location
Quiz Bowl Round Robin	8:15 am	Bosselman Conference Center, Rooms 1-4
Cup Stacking	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Education exhibit area in Fonner Concourse
Construction Science	8:30 am – 3:30 pm	Fonner Park Clubhouse
Poetry Recitation	10:00 am	Fonner Concourse Stage
Impromptu Speaking	10:00 am	Fonner Concourse Stage
Quiz Bowl Bracketed Round	Noon	Bosselman Conference Center, Rooms 1-4
Improvisation	2:00 pm	Fonner Concourse stage
Cipher Down	4:00 pm	Fonner Concourse stage
Awards	4:30 pm**	Fonner Concourse stage

Sunday, September 4

Monologue & Duet	10:00 am	Fonner Concourse Stage
Informative, Entertainment, Persuasive Speaking	10:45 am	Fonner Concourse Stage
Awards	1 pm	Fonner Concourse Stage

**Award times are approximate. Actual times will be determined when results of tests are ready. However, the awards will not be presented *earlier* than 4:30 pm each day.



Competition Themes



Poetry	<i>A Nebraska Season (or Seasons)</i>
Computer Graphics	<i>Promote Your County Fair</i>
Essay (Grades K-2)	<i>Why I Like My School</i>
Essay (Grades 3-5 and 6-8)	<i>My Favorite Nebraska Town</i>
Essay (Grades 9-12)	<i>Why attend college in Nebraska (or why not)</i>
Brick Art & Photography	<i>Nothing More Nebraskan</i>

3-D ART COMPETITION

Rules and Entry Information

1. Entries must be grouped and will be judged by the following divisions:
 - Grades K – 2
 - Grades 3 – 5
 - Grades 6 – 8
 - Grades 9 – 12
2. Entry can be a sculpture or other piece of 3-dimensional artwork designed to sit on a table or shelf.
3. Any medium may be used. Some possibilities are papier mache, recycled materials, nature materials, pottery, weaving, glass, plastic, wood, and metal working. No *perishable* food items may be used to make the art. If you have a question about whether a medium is acceptable, please email statefaired@gmail.com and ask.
4. Entry should fit within a 12-inch x 12-inch x 12-inch space. If the piece your student is making is larger, email statefaired@gmail.com to see if the piece can be accommodated.
5. Judging Criteria:
 - Craftsmanship - media choice and honesty to media; realistic, expressive, idealistic, or abstract.
 - Use of elements - line, shape, color, texture
 - Use of Principles - contrast, balance, etc.
 - Creativity - flexibility, uniqueness
 - Expression - content (theme, idea, etc.)
 - Neatness
6. Each student may enter up to **three** 3-D art items.
7. Label artwork with student's name, grade, and school. Attach the label securely to the artwork with a string, twist-tie, address label, or rubber band.



See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry forms, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.

BRICK ART COMPETITION

A "NEBRASKAland" Competition

Rules and Entry Information

1. Entries will be grouped and judged in the following divisions:

- Grades K-2
- Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-12

Note: The Education Department reserves the right to divide or combine divisions depending on entry numbers.

2. The entry will consist of a piece of art created from LEGO-type bricks following the theme: ***Nothing More Nebraskan.*** Anything that illustrates Nebraska is acceptable. Use your creativity!
3. The artwork may be a sculpture or a flat creation on a baseplate. No commercially designed kits may be used. For example, if a student chooses to build a tractor, it must be the student's own design, not one created by a building toy company.
4. Each student may have two entries.
5. Entries will be judged on creativity, representation of the theme, neatness, and overall effect.
6. Student's name, grade, and school must be securely attached to the entry in some way.
7. The actual brick entries must be entered. To protect the entries, they will be displayed in a glass case at the fair.
8. Each student who has a brick art entry will receive a gift.

See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry form submission, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.



CIPHER DOWN COMPETITION

- ◆ Each **pre-entered** competitor qualifies for a 2022 Education Competitions T-shirt (maximum of 1 per year) and complimentary admission ticket to the State Fair (maximum of 1 per day of competition).

Rules and Entry Information

1. The competition will be grouped into the following divisions:
 - Grades 3-5
 - Grades 6-8
 - Grades 9-10
 - Grades 11-12
 - Adult
2. The competition will take place in the Fonner Park Clubhouse at the conclusion of the other competitions on Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28. Students may compete once each day. Contest will end each day when awards from the other competitions during the day are ready to be presented.
3. Students will be given an age-appropriate problem to solve on a dry erase board on the stage. The first person to arrive at the correct answer will be the winner. Students will compete in groups of two students.
4. Pre-registration is encouraged, but students and adults may also register at the time of competition.
5. Participants in each grade group will be assigned randomly.
6. Winners will receive a medallion. Runners-up will receive rainbow ribbons.
7. Students will receive one sweepstakes point for competing and an additional point for winning. Adults will receive sweepstakes points for the school of their choice.
8. Schools may enter any number of students and any number of adults.

Entry forms must be received by Friday, July 15.



CLASS SCIENCE PROJECT

Awards given will be:

1st place	Plaque, \$100 grant to class
2nd place	Plaque, \$50 grant to class
3rd place	Plaque, \$25 grant to class
4th—6th places	Rosettes
7th—10th places	Ribbons



Rules and Entry Information

1. There will be one division for Grades K-12. However, depending on the number of entries, the division may be divided into Grades K-5 and Grades 6-12.
2. The entry will consist of a science project completed by a school class. Some suggestions are egg drop, mousetrap vehicle, or catapult where groups of one or two students make a contraption and test it against the others in the class; a plant experiment, where each student does something different with the same type of plant.
3. Data is to be collected for each student or pair of students, recorded, and analyzed. Older students should include graphs.
4. Project is to be displayed on a tri-fold display board following the guidelines for Science Display. Photos are encouraged to further illustrate what was done.
5. In order to rank the projects from a wide range of age groups, expectations for different grade divisions will be taken into consideration. Projects will be awarded points compared to a standard for the grade division and the project with the highest point total will be the champion.

See pages 3-4 for information on entry form submission and delivery and pick up of exhibits.

COMPUTER GRAPHICS COMPETITION

A "NEBRASKAland" Competition

Rules and Entry Information

1. The entries will be grouped into two divisions: Grades 3-8 and Grades 9-12, but may be combined depending on number of entries.
2. The theme is *Promote Your County Fair*. The entry will be a computer-generated advertising campaign that promotes your county fair.
3. For **Grades 3-8**, the entry will consist of **one** item selected from (a), (b), and (c) below.
For **Grades 9-12**, the entry will consist of **two** different items selected from (a), (b), and (c) below.
 - A poster (8 ½ x 11)
 - A tri-fold brochure (8 ½ x 11, before folding)
 - A postcard mailer (5 ½ x 8 ½, a horizontal half sheet of 8 ½ x 11 paper) or a promotional card (4 ¼ x 11, a vertical half sheet of 8 ½ x 11 paper). Keep in mind that a postcard must have space for addressing the card on one side.
4. All items should include text using available fonts. Photographs, clip art, or original artwork should be included.
5. The items must be mounted on a half sheet or a full sheet of 22" x 28" poster board. To mount the brochure, attach on the center back, then attach a printout of the back as well. For the mailer and promotional card, print each side and attach. These items should be printed with a computer printer and should NOT be commercially printed.
6. Student's name, school, and grade must appear on the **front** of the poster board.
7. Punch poster board for hanging according to instructions on Page 45.
8. Entries containing items that were entered in a previous year will be disqualified.
9. The Nebraska State Board of Agriculture shall have the right to edit, publish, or otherwise duplicate, any items entered into the competition, without payment to the student.

See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry form submission, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.

CONSTRUCTION SCIENCE COMPETITION

- ◆ Each **pre-entered** competitor qualifies for a 2022 Education Competitions T-shirt (maximum of 1 per year) and complimentary admission ticket to the State Fair (maximum of 1 per day of competition).

Rules and Entry Information

1. The construction science competition will be grouped into three divisions:
 - Grades 3-5
 - Grades 6-8
 - Grades 9-12
2. The students will be given 30 minutes to observe an object built from wooden planks (like those manufactured by Kapla, Keva, and CitiBlocs). During this time, the student will write instructions on how to build the object. The instructions must contain only words, no sketches. Pencils and paper will be furnished.
3. The object will then be removed from the student's view and the student will be given the pieces needed to build the object. The student will then recreate the object using his/her written instructions. When finished, the student will submit the object and the instructions.
4. Scoring will be based first on accuracy and secondly on time taken to build the object. The writing portion time will not enter into the scoring, but may not exceed 30 minutes.
5. The competition will be available from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm (start time) on Saturday, August 27 from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm (start time) on Sunday, August 28. Students may drop in to compete at their convenience during the given time range. Like last year, all students may compete either day, but not both days.
6. The competition will take place in the Fonner Park Clubhouse.
7. Schools may enter any number of students.
8. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required. Only pre-registered students will receive T-shirts.

Entry forms must be received by Friday, July 15. See award information on Page 3.

CUPCAKE DECORATING CONTEST

Note: This contest is hosted by the Foods Department, so awards are those awarded by that department. However, the Education Department will award Sweepstakes points toward Education Sweepstakes awards for competing and/or placing in this contest.



DIVISION 4630: KIDS' CUPCAKE DECORATING CONTEST – August 27 – no pre-entry



Come to the Foods Department on Saturday, August 27 between 10:00 am and 2:45 pm Sign up on the spot to enter the contest with your name, address, phone number, and date of birth.

Each participant will be provided with a variety of decorating supplies to decorate a cupcake.

Note: some decorating supplies may contain nuts.

Rules:

- Competition will be by age groups. Help from parents may be given to those 5 years and younger.
- Participants have up to 15 minutes to decorate the cupcake.
- Participants can take their entries home after judging and pictures are taken.
- Ribbons, 1st through 5th places will be awarded in each age group and category.
- Please, no eating of cupcakes or decorations prior to the contest end.

Categories:

- *NOTHING MORE NEBRASKAN* (2022 theme)
- *Faces*
- *Sports*
- *Animas*
- *Flowers*
- *Holiday*

Age groups: (as of Jan. 1)

- Up to 5 years
- 6-9 years
- 10-13 years
- 14-17 years

CUP STACKING COMPETITION

- ◆ Each **pre-entered** competitor qualifies for a 2022 Education Competitions T-shirt (maximum of 1 per year) and complimentary admission ticket to the State Fair (maximum of 1 per day of competition).

Rules and Entry Information

1. The cup stacking competition will be grouped into three divisions:
 - Grades 3-5
 - Grades 6-8
 - Grades 9-12
2. Cup stacking involves stacking 12 plastic cups into specified pyramids and then unstacking the cups and putting them back into the original single stack of 12 cups. The cups will be provided so all students will be using the same type of cups. One website with video instructions on cup stacking is http://www.speedstacks.com/about/learn_how.php.
3. Students may compete any time between 10:00 am and 4:30 pm on Saturday, August 27 or between 10:00 am and 4 pm on Sunday, August 28.
4. The cup stacking competition will take place in the Education Exhibit Area in the north end of the Fonner Concourse both days.
5. Students will be allowed one practice run in addition to two timed runs. The times of both runs will be recorded, but only the best time will count, except in the case of ties between students, in which the second-best times will be used to break the tie.
6. The stacking event that will be used in 2022 is the Cycle. This Cycle is a sequence of stacks in the following order: a 3-6-3 stack, a 6-6 stack, and a 1-10-1 stack.
7. Rules:
 - a) Students may work from left to right or from right to left, but must work in the same direction the entire time.
 - b) To down-stack, student must return to the first stack used to up-stack.
 - c) Students may have their hands on only one stack at a time in the up-stack, but in the down-stack it is okay to touch two stacks at the same time.
 - d) In the up-stack, fumbles must be corrected immediately. Each previous stack must be standing before moving on. In the down-stack, if cups fall over, continue and correct the fallen stack when it is reached.
8. The students with the best times in the 2-day period will receive their awards during the final awards ceremony on Sunday, August 28.
9. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required. Only pre-registered students will receive T-shirts.

Entry forms must be received by Friday, July 15. See award information on Page 3.

DUET, ENTERTAINMENT, INFORMATIVE, & PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

- ◆ Each **pre-entered** competitor qualifies for a 2022 Education Competitions T-shirt (maximum of 1 per year) and complimentary admission ticket to the State Fair (maximum of 1 per day of competition).

Rules and Entry Information

1. There will be one division: Grades 9-12
2. Students are to present an original entertainment, informative, or persuasive speech according to NSAA speech guidelines for entertainment, informative, and persuasive speaking. A speech from the 2021-2022 high school speech season is acceptable, as is one prepared for the 2022-2023 season. A speech that has not been used for high school or will not be used for high school is also acceptable.
3. Students in Duet should also follow the NSAA guidelines for Duet. A duet presented during the 2021-2022 high school speech season is acceptable, as is one prepared for the 2022-2023 season. A duet that has not been used for high school competitions or will not be used for high school competitions is also acceptable.
4. The contest will be held on **Sunday, September 4**, on the Fonner Concourse stage, tentatively at 10 a.m. The actual time of the event will be determined after entry forms are received to know the number of entrants. All entrants will be notified of the time and location of the competition after that time.
5. The speeches and duets will be scored according to NSAA duet, entertainment, informative, and persuasive speaking guidelines.
6. Depending on number of entries, duet may be combined with monologue for placings and entertainment, informative, and persuasive may be combined for placings.
7. Each student may enter one, two, three, or all four categories.

Entry forms must be received by Friday, July 15. See award information on Page 3.



ESSAY COMPETITION

A "NEBRASKAland" Competition

Rules and Entry Information

1. Entries will be grouped and judged in the following divisions:
 - Grades K-2
 - Grades 3-5
 - Grades 6-8
 - Grades 9-10
 - Grades 11-12
2. The theme of the essay for students in Grades K-2 is *Why I Like My School*. Students should state the reasons they like their school and explain why.
3. The theme for Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8 is *My Favorite Nebraska Town (or City)*. Students should explain why the town or city they choose to write about is their favorite.
4. The theme for Grades 9-12 is *Why Attend College in Nebraska (or why not to or why not to attend college at all)*. Judging will be based on how well the viewpoint is supported, not on whether the student chooses to attend college in Nebraska, out of state, or not at all.
6. Essays should use good essay form with an introduction previewing three main points, followed by discussion of the three points, and a conclusion summarizing the main points.
7. Judging Criteria:
 - Introduction
 - Topic Development
 - Word Choice
 - Sentence Fluency
 - Structure
 - Ideas
8. Schools may enter any number of essays, but a maximum of one essay per student.
9. Each competitor must prepare his or her own essay. Any quotations or copyrighted material used in the writing must be identified. Entry must be double spaced, written in ink, or typed on one side of the page. Handwritten entries must be legible. Student's name, school, and grade must appear on the front, top right-hand corner of the essay.
10. Length
 - Essays for **Grades K-2** shall have a minimum of 50 words and a maximum of 200 words.
 - Essays for **Grades 3-5** shall have a minimum of 100 words and a maximum of 250 words.
 - Essays for **Grades 6-12** shall have a minimum of 150 words and a maximum of 300 words.
11. The Nebraska State Board of Agriculture shall have the right to edit, publish, or otherwise duplicate, any essay or poem entered in the competition, without payment to the author. **Essays will not be returned.**

All essays must be received by midnight on Friday, July 15. See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry form submission, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.

GRAMMAR COMPETITION

- ◆ Each competitor qualifies for a 2022 Education Competitions T-shirt (maximum of 1 per year) and complimentary admission ticket to the State Fair (maximum of 1 per day of competition).

Rules and Entry Information

1. The competition will have the following divisions:
 - Grades 3-5
 - Grades 6-8
 - Grades 9-12
2. Schools may enter any number of students in each division.
3. The competition will consist of an examination testing the students' knowledge of correct usage of grammar. The students will **not** be asked to identify parts of speech.
4. Areas covered:
 - Grades 3-5:** Subject/verb agreement, plurals, verb tense, capitalization, possessives, correct word choice, sentence end punctuation
 - Grades 6-8:** All of the above plus commas, colons, and semicolons
 - Grades 9-12:** All of the above
5. The competition for Grades 3-8 will be held on Sunday, August 28, at 10:45 am in the Fonner Park Clubhouse. The competition for Grades 9-12 will be held on Saturday, August 27, at 10:45 am in the Fonner Park Clubhouse.
6. The test will be timed. Tests will be graded directly after the competition. Rankings beyond 10th place will not be disclosed. Awards will be presented at the end of the day after tests from all competitions have been graded. Tests will not be returned.

Entry forms must be received by Friday, July 15. See award information on Page 3.

GROUP ART COMPETITION

Awards given for Group Art will be:

1st place	Plaque, rosette, \$100 grant
2nd place	Plaque, rosette, \$50 grant
3rd place	Plaque, rosette, \$25 grant
4th–6th places	Rosettes
7th—10th places	Ribbons



Rules and Entry Information

1. Depending on number of entries, the following three divisions will be offered:
 - Grades K-2 group (four or more students)
 - Grades 3-5 group (four or more students)
 - Grades 6-12 group (four or more students)

Note: The Education Department reserves the right to divide or combine divisions depending on entry numbers.

2. Groups of three or less students will be judged with individual art entries and scholarship money awarded will be divided evenly among the students in the group.
3. Students may be part of more than one group.
4. The entry will consist of a 2-dimensional or 3-dimensional piece of art.
5. Entries will be judged on creativity, artistic quality, and overall effect.
6. The names of all students involved in the project, their grade, and school must be attached to the entry so it can be visible from the front. The artwork will be judged in the age group of the oldest student in the group. Students need not all be from the same school.
7. Contact statefaired@gmail.com if entry requires space greater than 2 feet by 2 feet by 2 feet.

See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry form submission, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.

HEALTH COMPETITION

Rules and Entry Information

1. Entries will be grouped and judged in the following divisions:
 - Grades K-5
 - Grades 6-12
2. The entry will consist of a 14" x 22" poster (half sheet of standard poster board). Poster may be designed in either vertical or horizontal format.
3. The poster should present a message promoting health. It can relate to any aspect of health such as healthy eating, eye health, hygiene, dental health, exercise, abstinence from tobacco, drugs, and alcohol, etc. The purpose of a poster is to call attention to a subject. Poster must focus on only **one** idea.
4. Poster should have an eye-catching illustration and a message in words. The **illustration** can be either hand-drawn, clipart or a photograph printed from a computer. The poster itself should **not** be printed from the computer. Computer generated posters are entered in Computer Graphics.
5. Poster should convey the message in as few words as possible. Let the illustration do the talking. Do **not** put lists of health tips. Try to create a catchy phrase. An appropriate number of words would be seven to ten.
6. Any medium can be used: crayon, markers, computer graphics, ink, watercolor, paint, cut paper, stick on letters, etc. Poster must be flat and not have any 3-dimensional objects attached.
7. Judging criteria
 - **Idea:** simple, clear message, appropriate for a poster
 - **Lettering:** appropriate size in proportion to art, spaced evenly, all letters at least ½ inch from all edges of poster, readable from a distance, neatly done, and easy to read
 - **Arrangement:** makes good use of entire poster space without being too crowded
 - **Color:** use of bold and contrasting colors, neon-bright colors are generally not appropriate
 - **Quality of construction:** neatly done, pencil marks erased, no visible glue, etc.
 - **Completeness:** poster contains both lettering and illustration(s)
 - **Overall effect:** Eye-catching
8. Place the student's name, grade, and school on the front of the poster board. This information does not count as part of the word total.
9. Punch poster for hanging according to directions on Page 45.
10. The Nebraska State Board of Agriculture shall have the right to edit, publish or otherwise duplicate any items entered in the competition without payment to the student.

See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry form submission, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.

HISTORY BOARD COMPETITION

Rules and Entry Information

1. Entries will be grouped and judged in the following divisions:
 - Grades K-5
 - Grades 6-12

Note: The Education Department reserves the right to divide or combine divisions depending on number of entries.

2. The entry will consist of a tri-fold display board illustrating some person or event in history.
3. The display board should have eye-catching illustrations and/or photos *and* messages in words.
4. Include who is featured (if a person), what (if an event), when, where, and why.
5. Judging criteria
 - **Completeness:** display thoroughly covers the person or event in history.
 - **Arrangement:** makes good use of entire space without being too crowded
 - **Quality of construction:** neatly done, pencil marks erased no visible glue, etc.
 - **Color:** display is colorful and attractive
 - **Illustrations:** enough photos and/or illustrations to attract interest and visibly present the topic, but not so many as to overpower the message being presented
 - **Overall effect:** Eye-catching, make fairgoers want to view and read the display
6. Place the student's name, grade, and school on the front of the display board.
7. The display board can be completed by an individual student or by a team of two. If two students work together, any awards won will be divided evenly.
8. The Nebraska State Board of Agriculture shall have the right to edit, publish or otherwise duplicate any items entered in the competition without payment to the student.

See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry form submission, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.

ILLUSTRATED BOOK COMPETITION

Rules and Entry Information

1. Entries will be grouped and judged in the following divisions:
 - Grades K-5
 - Grades 6-12

Note: The Education Department reserves the right to divide or combine divisions depending on number of entries.

2. The entry will consist of a book with illustrations, story, and cover.
3. For grades K-2, the book should have at least 3 illustrations and at least 5 pages total. For grades 3-12, the book should have at least 5 illustrations and at least 10 pages total. These are the minimum requirements. Books can be as long as the student needs to tell the story.
4. It is acceptable for one student to write the story and another student to illustrate it. If the author and illustrator are two different students, any award received will be divided equally.
5. In addition to the story, each book should contain an “about the author” page (or pages if the author and illustrator are two different students). This page does not count in the total mentioned above. The “about the author” page can tell such things as the author’s age, school, hometown, family, pets, favorite activities, etc.
6. The book can be a true or fictional story or a report. Some ideas for reports are dogs (or a specific breed), Nebraska flowers, state flags, vegetables, farm machines, camping, grasshoppers, turtles, cows, Nebraska seasons, Nebraska landmarks, Nebraska crops, etc.
7. The cover can be a hard cover or card stock. The book and cover can be made by the student or the student may use a purchased blank book. Blank books can be found online by searching for “blank books for kids.” Amazon, Target, and other vendors have the books available. Blank books are also available at craft stores such as Michaels. Michaels.com has both hardcover and softcover blank books available.
8. The book is to be the work of the student and not commercially printed. Books for students in grades K-2 should be hand printed. Older students may use a computer to print the pages. If using a purchased blank book, students can neatly trim their hand-printed (Grades K-2) or computer-printed (Grades 3-12) pages and glue them onto the book pages.
9. The Nebraska State Board of Agriculture shall have the right to edit, publish or otherwise duplicate any items entered in the competition without payment to the student.

See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry form submission, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING COMPETITION

A "NEBRASKAland" Competition

- ◆ Each competitor qualifies for a 2022 Education Competitions T-shirt (maximum of 1 per year) and complimentary admission ticket to the State Fair (maximum of 1 per day of competition).

Rules and Entry Information

1. The competition will be divided into two divisions: Grades 3-8 and Grades 9-12.
2. All contestants will speak on one of three topics. Each contestant will be given the three topics five minutes before he/shespeaks and may choose which topic to speak on.
3. Two of the topics will be related to Nebraska and will be ones that all students will be able to speak about. The third topic will be a random topic of general knowledge. The object of this competition is NOT to test the students' knowledge of the state, but rather their ability to speak with limited preparation time.
4. No reference materials will be allowed. Students will be furnished with scratch paper, a pencil, and one note card. The card may be used when speaking.
5. At the beginning of the competition, all competitors will be isolated in a room outside of the competition room. They will draw numbers for speaking order. The first person will then go to another room where he/she will select a topic and be given five minutes to prepare. After five minutes, that person will make his/her presentation and the second person will be sent to the quiet room to prepare, etc.
6. If students are competing in other competitions during the same time, speaking order may be altered to accommodate those students; however, they will still speak five minutes after being given the topics to select from.
7. Speeches are to last from three to five minutes for grades 9-12 and from two to four minutes for grades 6-8. Those more than 30 seconds over or under the limits will be docked a placing.
8. The Impromptu Speech Competition for both divisions will be held on the Fonner Concourse stage with **Grades 6-8** competing on **Saturday, August 27** and **Grades 9-12** competing on **Sunday, August 28**. See schedule for start time.
9. Awards will be presented in the awards ceremony at the end of the day.

Entry forms must be received by Friday, July 15. See award information on Page 3.

IMPROVISATION COMPETITION

- ◆ Each competitor qualifies for a 2022 Education Competitions T-shirt (maximum 1 per year) and complimentary admission ticket to the State Fair (maximum 1 per day of competition).

Awards given in each division will be:

1st place team members (five)	\$100 scholarship and rosette Team will receive a plaque
2nd place team members (five)	\$50 scholarship and rosette Team will receive a plaque
3rd-6th place team members (five per team)	Rosettes



Rules and Entry Information

1. There will be two divisions: Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12 if there are enough entries.
2. The competition will be divided into TWO rounds with each team competing in both rounds. The scores of both rounds will be added together to determine the overall winners.
3. Each school may enter up to three teams of five students in each division. The players on each team need **not** be from the same school; however, each student may be on only one team. Homeschoolers are eligible if they form a team or are members of another school team.
4. Round 1 description will be announced on the day of the competition at the discretion of the judge. Round 2 will be Doo Wop. "Doo Wop" involves improvisational singing, during which an original 1950's-style Doo-Wop song will be created. The group will be given an object to sing about and further instructions at the actual contest. Five (5) minute limit performance time. There is no minimum time limit. Teams will be allowed a ten (10) minute prep time.
5. Two chairs for the use of the groups will be provided. All other props will be supplied by the contest leader. Students are not allowed to use any props other than those that are provided.
6. Teams are to work toward a coherent story--**a scene with a beginning, middle, and end**. This is easier said than done, but doing so bodes well for their work as an ensemble.
7. Improvisation Competitions will take place **Saturday, August 27 for Grades 6-8** and **Sunday, August 28 for Grades 9-12**. The Grades 6-8 competition will be in Room 1 of the Bosselman Conference Center following the Quiz Bowl bracketed round. The Grades 9-12 competition will be on the Fonner Concourse stage following the Quiz Bowl bracketed round.
8. Judging will be based on:
 - the believability of the individual actors
 - the work of the group as an ensemble
 - the consistent pace of the piece
 - the theatrical value of the original script created: its suitability to the cast and to the audience
 - the over-all effect of the performance as an integrated whole
 - characterization
9. Points will be deducted for:
 - going over the 5-minute time limit (5 points per min.)
 - using props (5 points)
10. Teams will be disqualified for not using the original team during all rounds.
11. Signals will be given at one minute remaining and at 30 seconds remaining.
12. Awards will be presented at the awards ceremony at the end of the day.

Entry forms must be received by Friday, July 15. See award information on Page 3.

KNOW NEBRASKA COMPETITION

A "NEBRASKAland" Competition

Rules and Entry Information

1. Competitors will be grouped into various divisions depending on category and entry numbers.

Note: The Education Department reserves the right to divide or combine divisions depending on number of entries.

2. The following categories will be offered:

- A. Story from the past—Maximum of two (2) entries per student in this category. Divisions: K-5 and 6-12.**
Relate a story from the childhood of a person who is at least 40 years older than you. Ask him or her about a memorable event from his/her childhood such as first day of school, high school graduation, a family camping trip, a family vacation, a favorite pet, holiday celebration, battling a blizzard, getting their driver's license, a competition entered, an injury or illness, etc. No minimum words. Maximum 2000 words.
- B. Visit Nebraska—Maximum of two (2) entries per student in this category. Divisions: K-2, 3-5, 6-12.**
Visit a place in Nebraska and have someone take of photo of you in front of this place. Some choices are a historical site, restaurant, park, museum, library, the State Capitol, etc. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, you do not need to go inside. Pick up a brochure of the place if there is one. Mount the photo and brochure on an 11x14 sheet of poster board, along with a few words describing the place and where it is. You might also include what you like about the place, why you chose to go there, etc.
- C. Nebraska Art—Maximum of (3) entries per student in this category. Divisions: K-2, 3-8, 9-12.**
Art may be 3-dimensional or wall art. Theme is Nothing More Nebraskan. Wall art and 3-dimensional art should follow submission guidelines of the 3-dimensional art and wall art categories.
- D. Paper Quilt Block— Maximum of four (4) entries per student in this category, if each block is a different pattern. Divisions: K-2 and 3-12.**
Make a paper quilt block using an original pattern or one found in a book, online, or on a real quilt. Cut the pieces from paper and glue them onto an 8 ½" or 9" square of paper. Suggested paper for the block pieces includes copier paper, construction paper, wallpaper, wrapping paper, or scrapbook paper. Each block should be labeled with student's name, grade, and school. Blocks should be mounted on a half or full sheet of 22"x28" poster board. Blocks from more than one student can be mounted on the same board if they are in the same division. Punch holes in poster board following directions on Page 46.
- E. Photography—Divisions: 6-8, 9-12. Maximum of four (4) entries per student in this category.**
Photos must represent Nebraska. Buildings, landmarks, animals, and landscape are all acceptable. Photos will be judged on quality of the photo and relevance to theme. Photos should be 8"x10" and mounted on a half or full sheet of 22"x28" poster board. Multiple photos may be mounted on the same board if the photographer of each photo is identified. Photos may be black and white or color. Printing from a computer is fine. Commercial printing is NOT necessary. Punch holes in poster board following directions on Page 45.
- F. Other—Grades K-12. Maximum of two (2) entries per student in this category.**
Any project showing Nebraska history that does not fit in Categories A-E.

See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry form submission, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.

MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

- ◆ Each competitor qualifies for a 2022 Education Competitions T-shirt (maximum 1 per year) and complimentary admission ticket to the State Fair (maximum 1 per day of competition).

Rules and Entry Information

1. The competition will be divided into three divisions with the following topics:
 - Grades 3-5: *Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, and percentages*
 - Grades 6-8: *Math computations, pre-algebra, and algebra*
 - Grades 9-12: *Algebra, geometry, trigonometry, probability, combinatorics, and number theory*
- NOTE:** All exams **may** have questions where the work to attain the answer must be shown and will be graded. The problems will draw from any area of mathematics that the student has been exposed to up to this point of his/her education, but will not include calculus.
2. No calculators will be allowed.
 3. The test will be timed. Tests will be graded directly after the competition. Rankings beyond 10th place will not be disclosed. Awards will be presented at the end of the day when tests from all competitions have been scored. Tests will not be returned.
 4. The competition will take place on **Saturday, August 27 for Grades 9-12** and on **Sunday, August 28 for Grades 3-8**. Testing will take place in the Fonner Park Clubhouse. All competitors should be at the testing area by **8:00 am** on their respective day. The tests will begin at 8:15 am.

Entry forms must be received by Friday, July 15. See award information on Page 3.

MONOLOGUE COMPETITION

- ◆ Each competitor qualifies for a 2022 Education Competitions T-shirt (maximum 1 per year) and complimentary admission ticket to the State Fair (maximum 1 per day of competition).

Rules and Entry Information

1. If there are sufficient entries, there will be two divisions.
 - Grades K-5
 - Grades 6-12
2. Students in Grades K-5 will choose any monologue that takes from 1 to 3 minutes to perform. Students in Grades 6-8 will choose any monologue that takes from 1 to 4 minutes to perform. The monologue must be memorized.
3. Students in Grades 9-12 may choose **any** monologue to perform. If using Shakespeare, the cutting must be from 25-60 lines long and must be memorized. If student cannot find a monologue of sufficient length, more than one monologue by the same character in the same play may be combined to meet the length requirement. If choosing a monologue other than Shakespeare, the length should be similar to a 25–60 line Shakespearean monologue.
5. If performing Shakespeare, before the student recites the piece, he or she will introduce the play it is taken from, and the character he or she is assuming and perhaps a few words of explanation about why the character is saying this monologue. If performing a non-Shakespeare monologue, the student must identify where the piece was taken from, the author, the character he or she is assuming, and if a cutting, give a few words of explanation.
6. One hand prop is allowed if desired. The student must provide this prop. Simple costuming is allowed as well, but should not interfere with the pace of the contest (no specific rooms will be on hand for changing clothing, but restrooms are nearby).
7. The competition will take place on **Sunday, September 4 for all divisions**. The competitions will take place on the Fonner Concourse stage. **Grades 3-5** will begin at 10 am. **Grades 6-12** will begin at the conclusion of Grades K-5.
8. Judging will be based on:
 - a. choice of the piece for the individual performer
 - b. believability and skill of the actor
 - c. pacing of the piece
 - d. actor's vocal qualities and physical gestures
 - e. responsiveness
9. Schools may enter as many students as they would like in each division.

Entry forms must be received by Friday, July 15. See award information on Page 3.



PENMANSHIP COMPETITION

A NEBRASKAland Competition

Rules and Entry Information

- The competition will be divided into four divisions for judging:
 - Grades K – 2
 - Grades 3 – 5
 - Grades 6 – 8
 - Grades 9 – 12
- Students in **Grades K–2** must use **hand printing**. Students in **Grades 3–12** must write in **cursive**. If students in Grades K–2 know how to write in cursive, they are welcome to enter *both* the Grades K-2 competition and the Grades 3-5 competition.
- Paper for all divisions should measure 8 ½” x 11” and have no decorations or holes for binders.
 - Grades K-2 may use paper with a dashed middle line to help in uniform printing of letters.
 - For Grades 3-8, lined penmanship paper is preferred, but unlined paper is also acceptable. If penmanship paper is not available, paper from an 8 ½” x 11” white legal pad works. Such paper can be found in many stores carrying office supplies including discount stores like Walmart. Lined penmanship paper can also be printed from the internet. This year, due to the pandemic, filler paper with holes is acceptable. Paper from a spiral notebook is also acceptable if the fringes are removed. Paper with a dashed center line and colored paper are NOT acceptable.
- For students in Grades K-2, pencil is recommended. Students in Grades 3-12 must use blue or black ink. Ball point pen is recommended, not a felt tip pen or a fountain pen.
- The entry should **not** be mounted on construction paper, poster board, or any other material.
- Entries for Grades 3-12 *must* be **single** spaced.
- Judging criteria include:
 - Correct formation of letters,
 - Even spacing between letters, words, and lines
 - Appropriate margins (at least 1/2 inch on all sides of the paper).
 - Adherence to one method of writing
 - Exactness to excerpt presented (punctuation, no omitted words, no misspelled words, etc.)
 - Overall neatness
- Schools may have any number of entries in penmanship, but a maximum of one entry per student will be accepted.
- Student’s **name, grade, and school** must appear on the front, top right-hand corner of the entry. This information should **not** be a sticky label attached to the entry, but rather handwritten by the student directly on the paper.
- The excerpts for all grades are taken written entries from 2021’s student entries.

Grades K-2: (excerpt from a short story written by Maura May, Chase County)

Firefighters need to be brave, strong, and able to work as a team, and be willing to save people they know and don’t know.

Grades 3-5: (excerpt from a short story written by Jordyn Samuels, Seward St. John)

I close my locker and practically skip to my homeroom. The last day of school is always the best school day ever, and I have special hopes for today because today is my last day of fifth grade.

Grades 6-8: (excerpt from the essay written by Mackenzie Kuns, Shelby-Rising City)

If they view us as just cornfields and dirt roads, they're going to miss out on the innovation happening at the universities, the great sports, the great restaurants – all the great things happening in the state.

Grades 9-12: (excerpt from a short story written by Brookelyn Rasmussen, Lincoln East)

Well, that was at least the case until March 17th. I know you must be thinking, "Why does someone remember such a specific date from more than two years ago?" Well, this day is pretty significant to me now. It changed my entire life in a split second.

See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry form submission, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.

Note that the completed penmanship entries are due on July 15 again this year.

POETRY COMPETITION

A NEBRASKAland Competition

Rules and Entry Information

1. The theme of the poetry for all divisions is *A Nebraska Season (or Seasons)*.

2. Entries will be grouped and judged in the following divisions:

- Grades K-2
- Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8
- Grades 9-12

Note: Depending on entry numbers, the Education Department reserves the right to combine divisions.

3. Length

- Poems for **grades K-2** shall have a minimum of 50 words and a maximum of 200 words.
- Poems for **grades 3-5** shall have a minimum of 100 words and a maximum of 250 words.
- Poems for **grades 6-12** shall have a minimum of 150 words and a maximum of 300 words.

4. Each competitor must prepare his or her own poem. Any quotations or copyrighted material used in the writing must be identified. Entry must be double spaced, written in ink, or typed on one side of the page. Handwritten entries must be legible. Student's name, school, and grade must appear on the front, top right-hand corner of the poem.

5. Judging Criteria

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| * Introduction | * Ideas |
| * Topic Development | * Fluency |
| * Word Choice | * Organization |
| * Structure | * Overall Effect |

6. Schools may enter any number of poems, but a maximum of **one poem per student**.

7. The Nebraska State Board of Agriculture shall have the right to edit, publish, or otherwise duplicate, any poem entered in the competition, without payment to the author. **Poems will not be returned to schools or competitors.**

See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry form submission, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.

POETRY RECITATION COMPETITION

- ◆ Each competitor qualifies for a 2022 Education Competitions T-shirt (maximum 1 per year) and complimentary admission ticket to the State Fair (maximum 1 per day of competition).

Rules and Entry Information

1. Poetry recitation will have three divisions:

- Grades K-5
- Grades 6-8
- Grades 9-12.

Note: Depending on number of entries, Grades K-5 may be divided into Grades K-2 and Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12 may be combined.

2. Students in Grades 9-12 must select a poem of at least 8 lines from Poetry Outloud (poetryoutloud.org). Students in Grades K-8 may choose **any** poem that is between 8 and 25 lines. It does **not** need to come from Poetry Outloud.
3. The poems must be memorized. There will be a prompter to assist the student if necessary; however, points will be deducted for each time the speaker requests a prompt. Prompter will be seated in the front row. Speaker must signal the prompter if a prompt is wanted.
4. No props or costumes are allowed.
5. Judging will be based on the following with the maximum points for each in parentheses.
 - Physical Presence (6)
 - Voice and Articulation (6)
 - Dramatic Appropriateness (6)
 - Level of Complexity (6)
 - Evidence of Understanding (6)
 - Accuracy (8)
 - Overall Performance (10)
6. Accuracy points will be deducted as follows:
 - Skipping a word, adding a word, using “a” for “the”, juxtaposing two words (1-point deduction)
 - Pluralizing a word or vice versa, using a synonym (1-point deduction)
 - One line out of order or repeating a line (2-point deduction)
 - Skipping a line, receiving a prompt (3-point deduction)
 - Reversing two stanzas (5-point deduction)
 - Skipping a stanza (6-point deduction)
7. Recitation of poem should be preceded by stating the title of the poem and its author.
8. Students should bring four copies of the poem with them on competition day for the judges and the accuracy judge and prompter.
9. The competition for Grades 6-8 will take place on the Fonner Concourse stage following the conclusion of the round robin round of Quiz Bowl, at approximately 10 am on Saturday, August 27. Grades K-5 will take place on the Fonner Concourse stage at noon on Saturday, August 27. The competition for Grades 9-12 will take place on the Fonner Concourse stage following the conclusion of the round robin round of Quiz Bowl at approximately 10 am on Sunday, August 28.

Entry forms are due Friday, July 15. See award information on Page 3.

QUIZ BOWL

- ◆ Each competitor qualifies for a 2022 Education Competitions T-shirt (maximum 1 per year) and complimentary admission ticket to the State Fair (maximum 1 per day of competition).

Awards given in each division will be:

1st place team members (four)	\$100 scholarship and rosette Team will receive a plaque
2nd place team members (four)	\$50 scholarship and rosette Team will receive a plaque
3rd place team members (four)	\$25 scholarship and rosette Team will receive a plaque
4th place team members	Rosettes



Note: Up to five members of each of the top four teams will receive rosettes. If there are more than four team members, the scholarship money will be divided evenly among the team members. For example, if there are five members on the first-place team, all five members will receive \$80 scholarships (\$400 first place team award divided by five).

Rules and Entry Information

1. There will be two divisions: Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12.
2. The Quiz Bowl will be held in the Bosselman Conference Center, Rooms 1-4, on Saturday, August 27 for students in grades 6-8 and on Sunday, August 28 for students in grades 9-12.
3. Coaches' meeting starts at **8:00 am** with competition scheduled to begin at **8:15 am** both days. Teams will be paired at random and competition times will be assigned after check-in. The size of the school will not be a consideration in the draw for pairings. **No late check-ins will be allowed.**
4. Schools may enter any number of teams. Each team must have its own sponsor. The sponsor(s) of the additional team(s) can be a parent or another teacher. Sponsors **must** attend the rules meeting at check-in and must stay with the students throughout the competition or the team will be disqualified.
5. Teams will consist of **exactly** four students: a captain and three members. Alternate players (maximum of two) are allowed, but no substitutions may be made during a match. Alternate players may enter play **only** at the beginning of a new match. The players on each team do not need to be from the same school, but each student may be a member of **only one** team.
6. The moderator will read the question and recognize the team that will answer the question. A scorekeeper, timekeeper, and tournament judge will also be present.
7. The State Fair Quiz Bowl will consist of round-robin play in the first round and a single-elimination tournament in the second round. Round-robin schedules will be provided after all teams have checked in.
8. Each game will consist of 30 questions (total toss-up and bonus) unless the game time limit is reached. In the event of a tie at the end of a round, a toss-up question will be used as a tiebreaker. The first team to correctly answer a tiebreaker toss-up question will win the game.
9. Two types of questions are used during a match: toss-up and bonus. Points are scored by correctly answering a question. A correct answer to a toss-up question is worth 10 points and a correct answer to a bonus question is worth 5 points.
10. After the toss-up question is given, 10 seconds will be allowed for any team to respond. To answer a toss-up question, a player must be the first to signal by pushing his/her signal switch of the electronic control system. There may not be any conferring among team members during a toss-up question response. If there is conferring, the team will be disqualified from that question.

11. The toss-up process consists of four (4) parts: the question, the signal, the recognition of the player by the bowl moderator, and the answer. If a player gives the answer without either of the two middle parts, the answer is treated as an incorrect answer. The player must wait until he/she is acknowledged by the moderator before giving the answer.
12. A team member giving a correct toss-up answer entitles the team to a bonus question. The team members have 20 seconds to confer on bonus questions before the answer is given. The answers to bonus questions **must** be given by the **team captain**. Answers from other team members will not be acknowledged by the moderator, unless the team captain specifically requests that another team member be allowed to answer.
13. When a player gives an incorrect answer to a toss-up question and the question has not been completely read, the question will be read again in its entirety and the other team will have 10 seconds to answer by the normal sequence of signaling, being recognized, and answering. If neither team gives the correct answer, the next question will be read.
14. No calculators or resource material may be used during the competition. Paper and pencil will be provided. Reader will tell students which questions allow use of pencil and paper.
15. Decisions of the tournament judge will be final. The official declaration of the outcome of the match shall be irrevocable. As in any contest, a match shall not be replayed—even if the outcome could have been altered by judgment errors.
16. If a team feels that a challenge is necessary, **the team captain is the only one who may make the challenge and must make the challenge at the time of the answer** (before the next question is given). Make certain that all challenges are legitimate as each challenge lengthens the day. There shall be no questions raised by anyone except the team captain, moderator, or officials. The decision of the judge will be final.
17. Violations of the rules (such as consulting after pressing the signal button, or blurting out an answer before being recognized) will disqualify a team on that question and
 - (a) On the toss-up question the other team will be allowed to answer the question for the full point value.
 - (b) On the the bonus question, no points will be awarded.
18. In the case of equipment malfunction, it shall be the judges' discretion to modify the timing and/or signaling.
19. The single elimination tournament seeding will be based on results from the round-robin matches based on
 - (a) Winning percentage
 - (b) Average points earned
20. The single elimination tournament will begin at noon or shortly after both days. Start time will be announced at the end of the round robin matches.
21. Tournament schedule, format and rules are subject to change. All changes will be announced.

Entry forms must be received by Friday, July 15. See award information on Page 3.

SCHERENSCHNITTE SNOWFLAKE COMPETITION

Rules and Entry Information

1. Competitors will be grouped into the following divisions:
 - Grades K-2
 - Grades 3-5
 - Grades 6-8
 - Grades 9-12
2. The entry consists of a snowflake cut from paper. The snowflake can be any size from 3" diameter to a 12" diameter. For cleaner cuts and easier manipulation of scissors, it is suggested that students use paper no heavier than copy/printer paper. Tissue paper is also acceptable and is easier to cut than printer paper.
3. Snowflakes may be cut using a scherenschnitte pattern or freehand from folded paper.
4. Snowflakes, like all snowflakes in nature, should be *six sided*, *not* square.
5. Snowflakes should **not** be mounted on posterboard as they will be displayed individually.
5. Snowflakes are to be submitted individually, each in its own plastic page protector. To identify the artist, include a piece of paper containing the student's name, grade, and school with the snowflake in the page protector. Snowflakes will be displayed in the page protectors and the page protectors will be returned to the students with their snowflakes.
6. Each student may have **three (3)** entries in this category. There is no limit on number of entries from a school.

See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry form submission, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.



SCIENCE COMPETITION

- ◆ Each competitor will receive a 2022 Education Competitions T-shirt (maximum 1 per year) and complimentary admission ticket to the State Fair (maximum 1 per day of competition).

Rules and Entry Information

1. Competitors will be grouped into the following divisions:
 - Grades 3-5
 - Grades 6-8
 - Grades 9-12
2. The focus of each competition will be as follows:
Grades 3-5: *the solar system, pre-historic life, weather, measurements, magnetism, and recycling*
Grades 6-8: *maps and orienteering, genetics, scientific research, measurements, electricity, and chemistry*
Grades 9-12: *biology, physical science, chemistry, physics, anatomy, and physiology*
3. Schools may enter up to 12 students per grade in all divisions.
4. The competition will be held on **Saturday, August 27 for Grades 9-12 and on Sunday, August 28 for Grades 3-8.** The location is the Fonner Park Clubhouse. The test will begin at 1:00 pm both days.
5. The test will be timed. Tests will be graded directly after the competition. Rankings beyond 10th place will not be disclosed. Awards will be given after completion of the grading of all exams for the day. Tests will not be returned.
6. The test key answers will be the only answers considered. Answers requiring labels must be labeled.

Entry forms must be received by Friday, July 15. See award information on Page 3.

SCIENCE DISPLAY COMPETITION

- ◆ Each exhibitor in *this* competition will receive a 2022 Education Competitions T-shirt (maximum 1 per year).

Rules and Entry Information

1. Projects must be entered and will be judged in the following divisions:

- Grades K – 2
- Grades 3 – 5
- Grades 6 – 8
- Grades 9 – 12



Note: The Education Department reserves the right to combine divisions depending on number of entries.

2. Students may enter either a traditional science display or a science invention. Both entries must be entered on a tri-fold display board showing what was done. Note that the invention must be a **science** invention.
3. Traditional projects will be judged on the student's ability to utilize and show inquisitiveness, experimentation, and interpretation of results. Projects should formulate an idea, show investigative research, experimentation, and data gathered. Results of research should be displayed. Clarity is a must and originality is a plus. Make certain that the project is the work of the entrant and is age appropriate. Clearly include and label the **hypothesis, procedure, data, and conclusions. Also list research sources if you had any.**
3. A student-built apparatus or invention must include evidence of research, how the idea was formulated, detailed plans and sketches for the invention, what problem the invention will help solve.
4. In both types of projects:
 - a. State how you thought of the project.
 - b. If operational, include instructions.
 - c. Mention all people who assisted and their role.
 - d. Label project with student's name, grade, and school on the **front** of the project.
5. Different rubrics will be used for judging each type of project; however, a project following the steps of scientific research and an invention will neither have any advantage over the other in judging.
6. Each student may enter only one individual project and one "partner" project.
7. Projects must not occupy an area larger than 3 ft tall x 2 ½ ft wide x 1 ½ ft deep. Projects can be smaller than the maximum size.
8. **Whatever is displayed when the project is set up for judging should be able to remain throughout the duration of the fair.** Example 1: do **not** include any perishable food items. If project involves a concept such as growth of mold, show the process with photos. Example 2: Do **not** bring any valuable items that might get broken or stolen. Instead, show with photos. Example 3: Do not bring any liquids in open containers that could tip over and make a mess.
9. **Projects are to be the work of the student. Parents or teachers of younger students can help with typing and preparing tri-fold display, but the display should then include a statement of what help the student received. Typing is not necessary for the display. It is perfectly acceptable for younger students to print the information by hand.**

See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry form submission, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.

SERVICE PROJECT COMPETITION

Awards given in *Individual* projects will be as described in the Awards section on page 3.

Awards given in *Group* projects will be:

1st place	Plaque, \$200 grant to continue service project
2nd place	Plaque, \$100 grant to continue service project
3rd place	Plaque, \$50 grant to continue service project
4th–6th places	Rosettes
7th—10th places	Ribbons



Rules and Entry Information

1. School group projects and individual projects will be judged separately. Students may enter an individual project as well as be part of one or more group projects but may not enter the **same** project in both categories.
 2. The competition will be judged in the following divisions:
 - Group Grades K – 12
 - Group Grades 9 – 12
 - Individual Grades K – 8
 - Individual Grades 9 – 12
- Note:** The Education Department reserves the right to change or combine divisions depending on the number of entries.
3. If members of a group fall in more than one age division, the project will be judged in the age division of the oldest member of the group.
 4. Entries should be presented on a 3-dimensional standard science display board.
 5. The entry should focus on some project the group or individual did to meet a community need. The project must be self-initiated and not designed for the purpose of fulfilling requirements for an award.
 6. State how many hours of this project were used to meet your school's community service requirement, if any.
 7. State who was involved with the project. Group projects should list all team members as well as adult sponsor(s). Individual projects should list who assisted with the project and what role they played. For example, if a parent provided transportation or constructed something for the project, say so. If friends helped, tell how many helped and how much time they contributed. Having help does not diminish the value of the project, but rather gives the judge a clearer picture of the scope of the project.
 8. Display should include:
 - At least one photo of the project, more are preferred
 - Newspaper clippings, if your project had news coverage
 - Item made, if your project involved making something
 - Answers to the following questions (either in a typewritten description or displayed separately on the board):
 - Where did you get the idea for the project?
 - When did you start it?
 - Has the project been concluded or is it ongoing?
 - What need was met in your community?
 - What was your goal in doing your project?
 - What was your impact? For example, if you collected items, how many did you collect? If you raised money, how much did you raise? If you taught something, how many people did you teach?
 - How many people were reached by your project?
 - What was your time commitment? For example, the number of hours you spent taking nursing home residents for walks, collecting and delivering DVD's for children's hospitals.

See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry form submission, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Rules and Entry Information

1. The competition will be divided into the following divisions:
 - Grades K -- 2
 - Grades 3 -- 5
 - Grades 6 -- 8
 - Grades 9 -- 12
2. The word limit for Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, and Grades 6-8 is 1,500. Younger students are not expected to use that many words. If they can tell a complete story in 50 words, that is acceptable. The word limit for Grades 9-12 is 2,000 words. There is no lower limit.
3. There is no specified theme for short stories.
4. Short stories should be printed on one side of the paper only. The student's name, grade, and school must appear in the upper right side of the first page and the student's name should appear on each additional page. Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12 must be typed. Grades K-2 and Grades 3-5 may be handwritten or typed. Please do not staple pages together.
5. Each student may have two entries in this category.

See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry form submission, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.



SOCIAL STUDIES COMPETITION

A NEBRASKAland Competition

- ◆ Each competitor will receive a 2022 Education Competitions T-shirt (maximum of 1 per year) and a complimentary admission ticket to the State Fair (maximum of 1 per day of competition).

Rules and Entry Information

1. In honor of our state, the focus of all Social Studies tests again this year will be Nebraska.
 - Grades 3-5 – Nebraska history and geography (perhaps with a little US geography)
 - Grades 6-8 – Nebraska history (perhaps with a little US history)
 - Grades 9-12 – Nebraska historical personalities in art, literature, and entertainment, Nebraska history, Nebraska state and federal office holders, and current political, social, and economic issues
2. There is no limit on number of entries from a school.
3. The competition will be held on **Saturday, August 27 for Grades 9-12 and on Sunday, August 28, for Grades 3-8** in the **Fonner Park Clubhouse**. The test will begin at 9:30 am both days. Students should be in their seats no later than 9:25 am.
4. The test will be timed. Tests will be graded directly after the competition. The test key answers will be the only answers considered. Rankings beyond 10th place will not be disclosed. Awards will be presented at the awards ceremony at the end of the day. Tests will not be returned.

Entry forms must be received by Friday, July 15. Refer to page 3 for awards.

SPELLING COMPETITION

- ◆ Each competitor will receive a 2022 Education Competitions T-shirt (maximum of 1 per year) and a complimentary admission ticket to the State Fair (maximum of 1 per day of competition).

Rules and Entry Information

1. The competition will be grouped into the following divisions:
 - Grades 3--5
 - Grades 6--8
 - Grades 9--12
2. The competition will be held on **Saturday, August 27** for **Grades 9-12** and on **Sunday, August 28** for **Grades 3-8** in the **Fonner Park Clubhouse**. The contest is scheduled to begin at 2:15 pm each day. Please see that students are in their seats no later than 2:10 pm.
3. The entire spelling contest will be in written form. All contestants in each division will spell the same words.
5. Contestants in Grades 3-5 will spell for seven rounds with 10 words in each round. The seventh round will be used as a tiebreaker. Contestants in Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12 will spell for 8 rounds of 10 words. The eighth round will be used as a tiebreaker.
7. **Print** all words plainly. Dot all i's, cross all t's, close all o's and a's. Rather than erase a word to change the spelling, just draw one line through the word and print the word with the amended spelling.
8. Do **not** capitalize any word. There will not be any proper nouns in the word lists. ***If a word is capitalized, it will be counted as misspelled.***
9. At the end of each round, the enunciator will repeat words for that round, if requested.
10. Test sheets will not be returned at any time. The decision of the judges is final. This year awards will not be presented at the awards ceremony, but instead can be picked up at exhibit release on Monday, September 5 or Tuesday, September 6. Rankings beyond 10th place will not be disclosed.

Entry forms must be received by Friday, July 15. Refer to page 3 for awards.

STATE FLOAT COMPETITION

Rules and Entry Information

1. The competition will be grouped into the following divisions:

- Grades K--2
- Grades 3--12

Note: The Education Department reserves the right to change or further divide the divisions, depending on the number of entries received.

2. The entry is to be a student-designed diorama featuring a state of his/her choice.

3. The float is to be made from a box such as a shoe box, pizza box, boot box, or other cardboard box. The box can be painted, covered with fabric, or covered with paper such as wrapping paper, poster paper, tissue paper, wallpaper, maps, newspaper, magazine pages.

4. Drawings, pictures, or other items can be used to decorate the float.

5. Legos, plastic animals and/or plants, seeds, or other non-perishable items can be added to the float.

6. Floats should include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• state name• state flower• state bird• state capital• state tree• state flag• state nickname | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• date of statehood• large cities• landmarks and tourist attractions• at least one famous person• something the state is famous for• map of the state• anything else you'd like to include |
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7. For ideas, check out "State Float" on Pinterest or other online site. Three sites with multiple examples are:

<https://www.pinterest.com/bmortfish/state-float-projects/?lp=true>

<http://www.pennsburyisd.org/StateFloats.aspx>

<http://mapleshade.eastlongmeadowma.gov/state-floats.html>

8. Parents and older siblings are welcome to help younger students with the float, but if a student receives help, include a statement of who helped and what they did.

9. Be creative! Every float will be different and the sky's the limit!

10. Judging will be based on

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neatness• Information included• Viewer interest | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completeness• Creativity• Overall effect |
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11. Each school may enter any number of state floats, but only one per student.

See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry form submission, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.

STORY BOARD COMPETITION

Rules and Entry Information

1. The competition will be grouped into the following divisions:

- Grades K -- 2
- Grades 3 -- 5
- Grades 6 -- 12

Note: The Education Department reserves the right to change or further divide the divisions, depending on the number of entries received.

2. Entry will consist of a book review presented on a tri-fold display board with the goal of encouraging viewers to read the book.

3. The bold italic headings are required. The other categories are optional. Feel free to add other headings.

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| • <i>Title</i> | • <i>Publisher</i> |
| • <i>Author</i> | • <i>Setting</i> |
| • <i>Summary</i> | • <i>Characters</i> |
| • Conflict and Solution | • Fiction or non-fiction |
| • Tone | • Point of view |

4. Include illustrations which may be photographs, clipart, or hand drawn.

5. Objects relating to the story may also be included, but whatever is included should be able to remain with the display throughout the fair. Do not include anything valuable that needs to be removed and stored after judging.

6. Student's name, grade, and school must be on the front side of the display.

7. Judging will be based on

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| • Neatness | • Writing skills |
| • Completeness | • Creativity |
| • Viewer interest | • Overall Effect |

See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry form submission, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.

WALL ART COMPETITION

A "NEBRASKAland" Competition

Rules and Entry Information

1. Entries must be grouped and will be judged by the following divisions:
 - Grades K – 2
 - Grades 3 – 5
 - Grades 6 – 8
 - Grades 9 – 12
2. This year there is NO theme for Wall Art. A photography print is NOT acceptable. Photographs should be entered under "Photography" in the Know Nebraska category described on Page 24. No food items that may spoil are allowed.
3. Judging Criteria:
 - Choice of subject
 - Craftsmanship
 - Use of elements - line, shape, color, texture
 - Use of principles - contrast, balance, etc.
 - Creativity - flexibility, uniqueness
 - Expression - content (theme, idea, etc.)
4. Projects must be submitted on a full sheet or half sheet of 22"x28" poster board and grouped in the appropriate divisions as stated above. Schools may enter as many poster boards as they wish. Artwork received that is not properly grouped or mounted on poster boards will not be displayed.
5. Since poster boards will be hung for display, weight must be kept to a minimum. If artwork is too heavy to mount on poster board, enter it as 3-D Art. Teachers may place more than one picture or art project on a poster board if in the **same division**. Only one side of the poster board may contain entries.
6. Label artwork with student's name, grade, and school on the face of the poster board. Punch holes according to directions on Page 46.

See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry form submission, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.



WARMTH FOR VETERANS

Open to students and adults!!!

This division is offered to honor, show appreciation, and provide warmth for Nebraska's veterans.

Awards for **K-12** classes – Refer to awards section on Page 3.

Awards for **Adult classes** will be:

1st Place	\$10, plaque, and rosette
2nd Place	\$8, plaque, and rosette
3rd Place	\$6 and rosette
4th – 6th Places	Rosettes
7th – 10th Places	Ribbons
Honorable Mention	Ribbons

1. Entries will be grouped into two classes:

- Grades K-12 quilt, afghan, or other warmth donation
- Adults quilt, afghan, or other warmth donation

Note: Depending on number of entries, student classes may be divided.

2. Each student may have any number of entries. Each adult may also have any number of entries.

3. Quilts must be made to donate to a veteran or veterans' group. The quilt can be any size from lap robe to throw to bed size. Any type of fabric is acceptable. The quilt may be pieced, appliqued, embroidered, or printed. It may be hand-quilted, machine quilted, or tied. Patriotic colors are recommended.

4. Afghanes may be crocheted or knitted and can be any size. Patriotic colors are suggested, but not required.

5. Other warmth donation can be items such as hand crocheted or hand knitted scarf, hat, mittens, slippers, sweater, or shawl, machine sewn items such as pillow, pillowcase, neck warmer, or patriotic wall or table decoration.

6. All items must be accompanied by a 3x5 or 4x6 card stating what veteran or what veteran's organization the item is being donated to or stating that the item will be donated to the State Fair to donate to a veteran or veterans' group.

See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry form submission, and delivery and pick up of exhibits.

ZEN COLORING COMPETITION

Rules and Entry Information

1. The competition will be divided into the following divisions:
 - Grades K-2
 - Grades 3-5
 - Grades 6-8
 - Grades 9-12
2. Students are to select an age-appropriate zen-type coloring page no larger than 9"x12".
3. Any medium may be used to color the design. Please be aware that if you choose to use marker, make sure that you do not use marker on the back side of the paper because the marker may bleed through to the front, detracting from your finished masterpiece.
4. Entries will be judged on color choice, neatness, and overall quality.
5. Each student may have four (4) entries in this category. There is no limit to the number of entries from any school.
6. All entries must be mounted by division on either a half sheet or full sheet of 22"x28" poster board with four holes punched for hanging. See Page 45 for punching directions. Entries may be framed with colored paper before mounting on poster board.

See pages 3-4 for information on awards, entry, delivery, and return options.



SWEEPSTAKES

The Education Department of the Nebraska State Fair will have both Individual and School Sweepstakes competitions.

1. The Individual Sweepstakes competition will be divided into the following age groups:
 - Grades K-2
 - Grades 3-5
 - Grades 6-8
 - Grades 9-12
2. Six students in each division will be awarded trophies. In addition, the 1st place student in each division will receive a \$150 scholarship, the 2nd place student in each division will receive a \$100 scholarship, and the 3rd place student in each division will receive a \$50 scholarship. These scholarships will be paid to the student after the conclusion of the Fair. The student can then set up their own college savings account. Checks will be mailed to the sponsor listed on the entry form. For students who have graduated, please email your mailing address to statefaired@gmail.com.
3. The trophy winners will be determined by the total number of points the students earn. Points are awarded for placing and participating in each event as follows (except for cipher down where the winners all receive two points and other participants receive one point and cupcake decorating where students will receive 6 points for 1st, 5 points for 2nd, 4 points for 3rd, 3 points for 4th, 2 points for 5th, and 1 point for participants who don't place.)

Rank	Points
1st Place	12
2nd Place	11
3rd Place	10
4th Place	9
5th Place	8
6th Place	7
7th Place	6
8th Place	5
9th Place	4
10th Place	3
Honorable Mention	2
Participation	1

4. Students will be awarded points for all static entries and for all live competitions they compete in.
5. The school Sweepstakes will be divided into the following age groups
 - Elementary School (grades K-5)
 - Middle School (grades 6-8)
 - High School (grades 9-12)
6. Only schools with an enrollment of 25 or more students will be eligible for school sweepstakes trophies.
7. School trophy winners (three in each division) are determined by adding the points each student in the division in the school earned. However, duplicate points are not included in the school total. For example, if two students do a science project as a team and the project receives 1st place, the school will be awarded 12 points, not 24, even though each student will receive 12 points toward his/her individual total.

HOLE PUNCHING INSTRUCTIONS

Because much of the poster board currently available is rather flimsy, holes need to be punched further in than in the corners to keep the poster from curving in in the center while hanging on display.

Size 22x28 and 22x14 Holes should be in 4" from the left and right sides and approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the top and bottom. It is important that both top holes be the same distance from the top edge of the posterboard for the poster to hang straight.

Size 28x22 Holes should be in 7" from the left and right sides and approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the top and bottom.

