

SOCIAL STUDIES REGIONAL FAIR

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All students going to the Social Studies Regional Fair should be familiar with and agree to abide by these regulations. Fair directors are encouraged to duplicate these regulations and give them to students.

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1. Projects must conform to “division” level and to academic discipline at both the Regional and State competition. Group projects must have **one** person designated as spokesperson for the group. (A group project is one in which at least two students were involved in its development.) The Social Studies Fair Director cannot assume responsibility for incorrectly completed forms. No projects will be changed from one category to another at the Regional or State fair. No individual will be allowed to defend more than one project.
2. The exhibitor will be allowed a maximum of four (4) minutes to **explain, defend, and answer questions** on the project. It is mandatory that student presentations not exceed **two (2)** minutes in order to give judges time for questions. Judges may use the remaining two (2) minutes for questions and answers.
3. **All projects must be accompanied by a research paper with the appropriate elements. These elements must include a properly written/typed:**

Division I & II

Title Page
Table of Contents
Abstract Page
Body of Research Paper
Conclusion Page
Bibliography Page
(sources generally used to prepare the paper)

Division III

Title Page
Table of Contents
Abstract Page
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Conclusion Page
Footnotes/Endnotes Page
Bibliography Page
(sources generally used to prepare the paper)

(See Guidelines for Fair Projects for additional information and examples.)

Winning projects for the State Fair **must** include the aforementioned elements. Footnotes and a typed research paper are required for Division III winners only. Any standard research form (APA, MLA, Chicago Style, Turabian, etc.) for citations (footnotes/endnotes) is acceptable. All information (including oral information) must be properly cited.

The abstract is a brief (250 words or less) summary of the content and purpose of the project. (See the Guidelines for Fair Projects for an illustration.)

Project papers in Divisions I and II MAY be handwritten or typed; Division III papers **MUST BE TYPED.**

4. Projects must conform to specified dimensions; that is, no more than 30 inches deep (front-to- back) and 36 inches wide (side-to-side). No project may exceed 100 lbs. in weight and 100 inches in height. However, please note that all projects involving electricity will be placed on 30” high tables; and all projects not involving electricity will be placed on the floor.
5. Projects must be self explanatory, stand by themselves, and have back and/or side boards (See picture in Guidelines for Fair Projects for an illustration.)
6. Cassette players, light bulbs, batteries, etc. must be provided by the entrant. All projects requiring electricity must be accompanied by a minimum 25-foot long extension cord and electricity must be indicated on the application form. (State requires a minimum 100-foot extension cord.) Also, projects using computers must have electrical surge protection devices. **All equipment must be contained within the space allocated for the projects.**

7. **Unless electricity is indicated on the entry (application) form, provisions for electricity will not be made on day of the Fair.**
8. The entrant's name, school, hometown, or other identifying information is not to be visible anywhere on the project or research paper. Entrants are not to wear school uniforms.
9. Between fairs, projects may be improved or modified; however, the main theme, title and discipline **must** be maintained.
10. **NO** live animals or any type of embryos or fetuses may be exhibited. Only properly prepared animal skins, hides or stuffed animals can be used in exhibits.
11. Do not bring food or beverages into the project display area. Food and/or beverages from the projects can not be offered to anyone at the Fair.
12. All projects must be picked up on Saturday afternoon **after** the awards ceremony. (This is to prevent damage to projects on display and as a courtesy to students who will receive awards during the awards ceremony. Monitors will be present to enforce this regulation.)
13. The social studies fair sponsors are **not** responsible for valuables left on display, especially audio-visual or computer equipment.
14. Fair Directors have the final decision in all matters not covered in these Rules and Regulations.
15. All participants must stand near their projects until all projects have been judged or officially excused. **Special arrangements can not be made for students to leave early.**
16. Each student must enter the Region VI fair in the same category and discipline as parish fair.
17. No part of the project may be stored under tables (for electricity projects). Everything must fit in the space limitations.
18. The social studies fair sponsors are **not** responsible for supervision of students at the local, regional or state social studies fair. Parents and/or school personnel are responsible for the supervision and safety of the student at local, regional or state fair.
19. Displays of archaeological materials/human remains should be limited to those: a) from the ground surface (not dug up); b) from private property (not state or federal); and c) not associated with any sort of human burial or contain any human remains. Students can contact the Division of Archaeology, P. O. Box 44247, Baton Rouge LA 70804; (504) 342-8170 for booklets about archaeology. (Refer to state law 1991-Act 704, House Bill No. 1446).
20. Parents and guests will be asked to leave the site during judging.
21. Failure by a student, parent or teacher to adhere to Fair regulations or requests from Fair personnel will result in disqualification of the associated student project.
22. Decisions of judges are final and are not subject to review or appeal.
23. Judging sheets will be returned to those students placing first and second. No other sheets will be returned.