

SOCIAL STUDIES STATE FAIR

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All students going to the Social Studies State Fair should be familiar with and agree to abide by these regulations.

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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. Fair participants judged for a total of 4 minutes; 2 minutes to present their project to the judges and 2 minutes of questioning related to the project by the judges.
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

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

Division III

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Footnotes/Endnotes Page
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(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 are limited to a table space of thirty (30) inches deep (front-to-back) and thirty-six (36) inches wide (side-to-side). All elements of the project must fit within the space assigned at the Fair and not encroach on adjacent space. No part of the project may be under the display table. No project may exceed 100 pounds in weight and 100 inches in height. Projects must be self explanatory, stand by themselves, and have back and/or side boards. (See picture in State Guidelines for Projects.)
5. Cassette players, light bulbs, batteries, etc. must be provided by the entrant. All projects requiring electricity must be accompanied by a minimum 100-foot long extension cord. All extension cords **MUST** be secured to the floor with “duct” tape. Also, projects using computers must have electrical surge protection devices. **All equipment must be contained within the space allocated for the projects.**
6. 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.
7. **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.

8. The State Fair is **not** responsible for valuables left on display, especially audio-visual or computer equipment.
9. One presenter per project will be allowed on the floor to defend the project. No individual will be allowed to defend more than one project.
10. There is to be no communication between the students and parents, teachers, or other participants while a student is being judged.
11. No projects are to be removed until after the awards ceremony. (This is to prevent damage to projects on display and as a courtesy to students who will receive awards after in the awards ceremony. A security guard will be present to enforce this regulation.)
12. Do not leave your project until the judging in your division/discipline has ended. Notification will be given to students at the Fair site at the end of judging in each area. If your division/discipline has been dismissed and you have not been judged, contact a member of the State Fair Committee immediately.
13. Do not bring food or beverages into the project display area.
14. Students must strictly adhere to instructions given by Fair and LSU Security personnel.
15. No additional entries from regional competitions will be accepted the day of the State Fair. Only entries certified by Regional Fair Directors and received at least ten (10) working days prior to the State Fair are acceptable. If a registration form was sent in from a regional competition because of an error at the Regional competition, the student must be prepared to present evidence that the project and the necessary Fair fee has been paid.
16. Do not block either the aisles or exit/entry corridors, especially during the awards ceremony.
17. If you have a problem or need information, please contact a Fair committee person stationed on the floor for assistance and official information.
18. Projects may be modified or improved between fairs; however, the main theme, title, and discipline must be maintained.
19. Parents and guests will be asked to leave the Fair site during judging.
20. The regional directors and State Fair Directors have the authority to make decisions not covered in these regulations on all matters related to their respective fairs.
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. Parents and/or school personnel are responsible for the supervision and safety of the entrant. The Social Studies State Fair Council is not responsible for supervision.
23. Decisions of judges are final and are not subject to review or appeal.
24. Judges' evaluation forms for projects will not be made public following the conclusion of the state fair.
25. 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).