



Technology Media Fair 2009

General Contest Rules 2009-2010 School Year

Sponsor Requirements

1. A professional employee from the student's school must sponsor each entry.
2. It is the sponsor's responsibility to verify that students have followed all copyright laws.

Contest Participation

1. Any student or staff member who is enrolled in or employed by the Irving ISD at the time of the contest is eligible to enter.
2. Entries may be submitted in the following grade level categories:
 - a. PK
 - b. K-1
 - c. 2-3
 - d. 4-5
 - e. 6-8
 - f. 9-10
 - g. 11-12
 - h. Adult
3. Entries may be individual or group productions. Up to two classes may work on one group entry. All group entries must include the name of each participant on the entry form at the time the entry is submitted in order for each student to receive a certificate. Otherwise, only one certificate will be prepared for the entire group.

Copyright Requirements

1. By submitting an entry, team members or individuals represent that they have the unrestricted right to submit the content and it does not infringe upon any third party's proprietary or other rights. Any content, including, but not limited to: text, images, audio and videos that are not the original creation of the entrant must be completely and accurately cited, and if permission is necessary to use such content, the entrant shall include the written permission. Teams or individuals must submit a summary of citations document (bibliography) to adequately disclose the sources and/or permissions that allows you to include copyrighted content.
2. **Failure to comply with federal copyright laws will lead to disqualification of an entry.**
3. Use of materials published under [Creative Commons](#) is encouraged as long as display of the work is allowed under the specific Creative Commons license for the work. All Creative Commons items **must be attributed** in the manner specified by the author or licensor.
4. By entering a computer project in the Technology Media Fair, entrants agree to public display of their projects. Computer entries will not be returned to participants.

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Submission Rules

1. Any entry submitted for the competition must have been completed in the current calendar year. Individuals submit entries from their current school. All group entries are to be submitted by the teacher at the school where the project was created.
2. One entry form must be submitted (at <https://www.irvingisd.net/studentintranet/campusmediafair>) for each entry. It must be completely filled out including the students' name(s), bibliographic information (unless a complete bibliography is included within the project), and required authentications (teacher, librarian, ITS).
3. Participants may enter more than one category, but may enter only one entry per category.
4. A script in English must be attached to all entries submitted in a language other than English.
5. All student entries must be student produced. Adult guidance and instruction are permissible in the planning stages, but the actual preparation, technical work, and production must be solely the effort of the student(s).

Note: For grades 6-adult, if an adult does the technical work (camera, sound track, etc.) in the production, the entry must be submitted in the Adult division.

Entries that represent multi-level participation by the students will be judged in the division of the oldest participant. For example, if two fifth graders create a video with five second graders, the entry will be judged in the 4-5 division.

6. The "Explanation" section of the entry form should be composed by the student(s) who created the project. The explanation will be included in the evaluation process. Adult supervision is allowed for editing and revising the explanation, and a scribe is allowed for the youngest students and those with special needs. Above all, student voice should be preserved in the explanation.
7. Student projects should not disclose full names, phone numbers, or addresses.
8. Neither the Irving ISD, the Technology Media Fair committee, nor the judges can assume any responsibility for loss or damage to any entry submitted for judging.
9. Any entry submitted which does not fit into one of the specified categories on the form will be disqualified.



General Rules

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Judging

1. A minimum of two judges per category will be used in the evaluation process.
2. Entries will be judged on a designated form with a point system for each specific category. Entries scoring the highest number of points and whose quality the judges feel warrants a "Place" rating will be declared the winners. For more equitable awarding of places in categories with numerous entries and close scores, blind judging of the top five entries in the category may be done after the first round of judging.

Note: The emphasis in judging is on quality. This may result in the judges awarding a 3rd place rating to the only entry in a particular category if they feel that quality is lacking in the overall production.

3. Comments/Suggestions by the judges will be requested (but not required) on all entries in order that contestants can improve their entries each year.
4. Decisions of the judges will be final. Decisions about disqualification of entries not in compliance with the rules of the Technology Media Fair will be made by designated members of the Technology Media Fair Committee.

If you have any questions, please contact your campus Librarian or your Instructional Technology Specialist.