



2024 Region V Social Studies Fair

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608 Pecan Street
Sulphur, LA 70663

October 10th, 2023

Dear Principals and Social Studies Fair Directors,

We are delighted to begin communication for the 2024 Region V Social Studies Fair. Please take note that the information for the fair is enclosed. We are looking forward to a successful fair this year as we have had in the past. Enclosed you will find all the information for the day of the fair and the regulations for student projects. Thank you for being such an essential part of this endeavor and encouraging students to participate each year. If you have any questions, please email me at heather.koonce@cpsb.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Koonce".

Heather Koonce
Region V Social Studies Fair
Director

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February 23th, 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE REGION V SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR

Please copy and hand out the packet attached to participants. All required paperwork must be completed and returned to Ms. Heather Koonce by the due date of February 23rd, 2024.

Please make an extra effort to have all participants return the information to your school for you to send you entire school at one time.

As always, please make sure participants understand that we follow the state rules at the region level.

Parents or their designated chaperones are responsible for the supervision and safety of the entrant. The Region V Committee is NOT responsible for supervision.

1. Projects must conform to division level and academic discipline at both the regional and state competition. Group projects must have one person designated as spokesperson. 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.
2. The exhibitor will be allowed a maximum of five minutes to explain, defend and answer questions on the project. It is *suggested* that the student presentations not exceed three (3) minutes in order to give the judges time for questions.
3. Projects are limited to a table space of 30 inches deep (front-to-back) and 36 inches wide (side-to-side). No project may exceed 100 pounds in weight and 100 inches in height. 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. Projects must be self-explanatory, stand by themselves, and have back and/or side boards.
4. A research paper with the appropriate elements must accompany all projects. These elements must include a properly written *Title Page, Table of Contents, Abstract, Body of Research Paper, Conclusion, Endnotes or Footnotes (Division III only) and Bibliography (Standard research forms for citations are acceptable.)* Project papers in Division I and II *MAY* be handwritten or typed; Division III papers **MUST** be typed.
5. The entrant must provide cassette players, light bulbs, batteries, etc. A minimum 50-foot extension cord must accompany all projects requiring electricity. Also, projects using computers must have electrical surge protection devices. Extension cords must be duct taped to the floor. All equipment must be contained within the space allocated for the project.
6. The entrant's name, school, hometown, or any other identifying information should not be visible anywhere on the project.

7. Only one student will be present to defend a project. An individual will not be allowed to defend more than one project. *No communication between the student and parents, teachers, or other participants is allowed while a student is being judged.*

8. All schools are encouraged to hold local fairs in order to select participants to compete at the regional level. If a local school fair is not conducted, a committee of teachers should make selections of winners in each division.

9. It is the responsibility of the local fair chairman, upon completion of the local fair, to submit applications to the regional fair chairman.

10. Each local fair winner should complete an application for entry in the regional fair.

*Applications should be collected from the students and one school check should be *mailed/sent/delivered* to the regional director to be received by the designated date. *No entries will be accepted if received after this deadline date, without a penalty fee. *One check per school is expected for all projects representing that school.

REMINDER:

All communicate devices are to be turned off during the time of the judging. If not turned off, the project will be disqualified.

Additional info to know:

- ❖ Site of the Region V Fair will be:
 - ❖ **Burton Coliseum, 7001 Gulf Highway, Lake Charles, LA 70607**
- ❖ Parents should be prepared to sit in the upper seats during judging due to noise.
- ❖ School uniforms may not be worn by participants. Names of schools, teachers, students, etc. may not be visible on the project or participant.
- ❖ Participants may not utilize cell phones, two-way radios, or any other communication device while judging is being conducted
- ❖ The coliseum concession stands will be open for parents and participants.
- ❖ **NO OUTSIDE FOOD and/or DRINKS WILL BE ALLOWED in BURTON COLISEUM.**

**Before February 9th, 2024, send registration forms and fees to:
Region V Social Studies Fair
608 Pecan Street
Sulphur, LA 70663**

****Make checks payable to Region Five Social Studies Fair****

LIST OF REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR PROJECTS

Before going to the fair, check each of the following to make sure you follow state regulations. This form is to be completed and returned with the application. Your signature at the bottom of this page is required for entry and shows an agreement to a comprehensive approval of all the listed requirements. As stated, all participants must sign, indicating that participants & parents agree with all criteria listed below, fees, and entry form(s) should accompany the signed forms.

- 1) Research paper is not attached to the backboard.
- 2) Title page is included (not labeled as such)
- 3) Table of Contents is included (labeled at the top of a separate page).
- 4) Abstract is specific in noting the purpose of the project, a summary of the project and states where the materials generally came from (the abstract is labeled at the top of a separate page).
- 5) Body of Research is included (pages are not labeled).
- 6) Conclusion is included (labeled at the top of a separate page).
- 7) Footnotes/Endnotes is included (labeled at the top of the page and is required for Division III projects but optional for Division I and Division II.)
- 8) Bibliography is included (labeled at the top of a separate page).
- 9) The research paper is typed (required for Division III but optional for Division I and Division II).
- 10) Minimum 100 ft. extension cord if needed for project. If you bring a cord, it must be taped down.
- 11) This project, as is, has not, nor will be entered into any other type of fair (i.e. Science, etc.) other than a social studies fair and was created in last 12 months.
- 12) Oral presentation has been prepared for defending the project (2 minutes). Two minutes additional for judge's questions.
- 13) This project conforms to the maximum space allotment of 36" wide, 30" deep, 8' high, and not over 100 lbs. (these figures are maximums, project maybe smaller).
- 14) The entrant's name, school, hometown, or other identifying information is not visible anywhere on the project or research paper.
- 15) No live animals, embryos, fetuses, or original archaeological items are exhibited on the project.
- 16) Only one student is permitted to defend and be present on the floor for judging of group projects.
- 17) If my project deals with archaeology, I am aware of state regulations governing this topic.
- 18) All electronic communicative devices are turned off during judging.
- 19) Media permission is given to publish pictures, videos, etc., on entry form, as required by the Student Privacy Act (see statement on the entry form).

Info for Day of the Fair (tentative)

February 23rd, 2024

8:00-9:30 AM	Registration, project set-up, and paper check at Burton Coliseum
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM	All students and parents need to go outside the Coliseum or sit in level 200. You may access concessions only. Please remain quiet in the building and walk. No running!
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Student presentation of project - Do not leave until you are dismissed!
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Judges tally scores
1:15 PM	Tag Winners
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Removal of Projects - All projects must be removed prior to the Award's Ceremony!
2:30 PM	Award's Ceremony
3:00 PM	Winners will fill out entry forms for State Social Studies Fair and pay \$25 with check or cash.

Please note the signs displaying the entrance/exit and use only those doors for safety reasons. The windows should have a list of participant names in alphabetical order by last name. Find your name and know your project number before you enter the building. Set-up your project and then check-in at the registration table by bringing them your research paper. Only one person needs to get in line to register. All others, please go back outside or sit in the Level 200 seats after you set-up. Concession stands will be open, but we would like you to be as quiet as possible when you reenter the building.

Project Display

Be certain your project is set-up according to:

- Number assigned (number is visible for judges)
- Designated space between the lines (30 inches front-to-back and 36 inches side-to-side)

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES NOT USED AS PART OF THE PRESENTATION MUST BE TURNED OFF AND STOWED AWAY FOR THE FULL DURATION OF ALL JUDGING OF DISCIPLINES. IF VIOLATED, THE PROJECT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

Judging

For the first part of the judging, the floor should be cleared. At this time, judges are expected to complete the initial part. Around 11 AM, students will enter the arena in order to present his/her project. Only one person is to act as a spokesperson per project. The Executive Committee member in charge of each discipline will dismiss students who have been judged.

Awards

Students whose projects have winning tags are to be seated in the designated area as specified by the director. Some projects may win more than one award; therefore, it is necessary for winners to remain seated until dismissal at the end of the Award's Ceremony. All group plaques and trophies are to be given to the school. Students may keep the certificates. All first and second place winners will be eligible to enter the State Fair in Lake Charles. The state fair entry form must be filled out (both front and back) and turned in along with the \$25 fee following the award's program to Heather Koonce (address will be on the form you receive). **Checks are to be made out to Region Five Social Studies Fair.**



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Official Entry Form

Due in hand by February 9th, 2024

Please print or type. Use only one form for both individual and group projects.

Title of Project: _____

Name(s) of Student(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____, LA **Zip Code:** _____

Parent Name: _____ **Parent Contact:** _____

Parent Email: _____

Check one: _____ Individual Project (I) or _____ Group Project (G)

Check one discipline (category) of project:

_____ Anthropology

_____ Economics

_____ Geography

_____ History

_____ Louisiana History

_____ Political Science

_____ Sociology

Check one division:

_____ Division I Elementary School (Grades 4-5)

_____ Division II Middle School (Grades 6-8)

_____ Division III High School (Grades 9-12)

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____ **Parish:** _____

Sponsoring Teacher: _____ **Teacher's Contact ()** _____

Note: This entry form with the \$12.50 entry fee must be returned to the Regional Fair Director and signed by the School Director to be accepted into the Social Studies Fair. The Fair is not responsible for lost or stolen projects. This form, once turned in to Region V Fair, documents that the project has been enrolled as an exhibit at the Fair. **The school sends ONE check** for all participant entries from that school/region to:

Region Five Social Studies Fair

608 Pecan Street

Sulphur, LA 70663

School Fair Director's Signature _____ Region # _____

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by all Social Studies Fair rules and regulations. This project is completely mine/ours and was created and completed by me/us within the last 12 months without direct, significant aid or assistance from anyone other than my/our sponsoring teacher. Parental involvement in the project was limited to those areas aspects of the project that are consistent with Social Studies Fair Rules. I consent to having my child's personal information/pictures disclosed to the regional and/or state social studies fairs. I understand that this may be publicized in various media sources.

Signature(s)Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Printed Guardian Name _____