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2014–2015 STEM CONTEST GUIDELINES

Eligibility

Any student in kindergarten through grade 12 may participate.

Age Categories

Finalists will be chosen from each grade (K-12).

STEM Theme

Submissions in the K¹² 2014–2015 STEM Contest must be related to:

- Energy and environment
- Health and nutrition
- Aerospace and aviation
- Cybersecurity and technology

We want to see what creations you think could change the world, solve an everyday problem, or would just be fun. **Make sure to include a hypothesis (scientific method) and a visual aid in your video.** Visual aids may be a tri-fold display, a poster, a model, or anything that you think best conveys the innovation or solution you are describing.

Size Requirements

- Video files should be no longer than 2 minutes
- Video files must be .AVI or .MPG, .MOV, .MP4, or .WMV
All other files types are not compatible
- Video files must be smaller than 2 GB

Judging Criteria

A selection committee will review submissions based on the following criteria:

- Use of one of the suggested themes: energy and environment, health and nutrition, aerospace and aviation, or cybersecurity and technology
- Creativity and overall educational value
- Technical skill

Judging and Winners

- A panel of judges will review entries by grade level
- A finalist will be selected from each grade
- A Best Overall winner will be named in addition to grade-level finalists
- All finalists will be featured in the K¹² Gallery
- Grade-level finalists will receive:
 - A first place ribbon
 - A plaque of recognition
 - A science kit
- The Best Overall winner will receive:
 - A ribbon
 - A plaque of recognition
 - A science kit
 - A magazine subscription

Copyright Law

Any video or idea that is copyrighted will be rejected. For example, no video or idea that has been used in television shows, movies, video games, or books will be accepted, but additions will be accepted. All videos and ideas must be original and created entirely by the student.

Multiple Entries

One entry per student.

SUBMISSION

1. Go to stories.k12.com/node/add/story. You will need to enter the required information (i.e, age, name, etc.). Please note that if your child is not 13 years of age or older, a parent can submit on their behalf by entering the student’s name and the parent’s DOB—and they will need to make a note in the “Your Story” box that they are submitting for them. Create a separate story for each student you wish to enter.
2. Upload your video along with a story of what inspired you to make your creation.
Make sure to include your hypothesis and a visual aid.
3. Upload your file by selecting the “Upload Photo or Video” dropdown menu, and clicking “Video.”
4. In the “Your Creation” box, give us a brief description (up to 800 words) of your creation explaining what it does, what inspired you to make it, and what your hypothesis is if the creation were to be made. Your submission must be uploaded no later than January 30 to be eligible for the competition.

Deadline for Entries

All entries must be received no later than 5 PM (ET) on **Friday, January 30, 2015**. Entries submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

Notification of Finalists

Winners will be selected in February and notified shortly thereafter.