LAFAYETTE

PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM

2016-2017

SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR RULES & REGULATIONS

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1. Projects must conform to "division" level and to academic discipline at Parish, 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 Parish, 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 questioning and answering.

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	**Division III**
Title Page	Title Page
Table of Contents	Table of Contents
Abstract Page	Abstract Page
Body of Research Paper	Body of Research Paper
Conclusion Page	Conclusion Page
Bibliography Page	Footnotes/Endnotes Page
(sources generally used to prepare the paper)	Bibliography 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 Guidelines for Fair Projects for an illustration)

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 will be placed on 30" high tables.

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/CD/DVD 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 the day of the Fair.**

8. The entrant's name(s), 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 drinks 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 the Rules & Regulations.

15. All participants must stand near their projects until all projects have been judged or officially excused. **Special arrangements cannot and will not be made for students to leave early.**

16. Each student or group must enter the Region IV Fair in the same category and discipline as the Parish Fair.

17. No part of the project may be stored under the tables (for electricity projects). Everything must fit within the space limitations as outlined in the Guidelines for Fair Projects.

18. The Social Studies Fair sponsors are **not** responsible for supervision of students during the Parish Fair. Parents and/or school personnel are responsible for the supervision and safety of the student during the Parish 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, Louisiana 70804; (504) 342-8170 for booklets about archaeology. (Refer to State Law 1991-Act 704, House Bill No. 1446)

20. Parents, guests, and members of group projects that are not designated as the representative to defend the project will be asked to leave the staging area during judging.

21. Failure by a student, parent, or teacher to adhere to the Fair Rules & Regulations or requests from Fair personnel will result in disqualification of the associated student project.

22. Decisions of the 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.

24. Winners will be selected in the following areas:

A. Anthropology
B. Economics
C. Geography
D. History
E. Louisiana History
F. Sociology

25. Winners will be selected for Individual and Group categories separately. Having only one project entry for a specific category does not mean that the project will automatically be awarded 1st Place. For example, if an individual or group project is the only project in Division II Louisiana History, it may receive 3rd place in that category based on the judging criteria. Although a project may be the only one in a category, this alone does not deem it worthy enough to compete at the Regional Level.