



2025-2026 STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Students participating in the Poster Competition are required to **design a poster** and create a brief **video presentation** for virtual submission. The poster board must correspond to this year's theme of: **Destination SpaceU**.

Each entry is to be prepared and submitted by an **individual student** representing a school. Each school is encouraged to organize its poster competition with the winning poster advancing to the regional competition.

Guidelines:

1. Posters should be a minimum size of 18 x 24 inches to a maximum size of 24 x 36 inches.
2. Posters must be student-created and original work. AI-generated posters will be disqualified.
3. Posters may not have any three-dimensional components.
4. School mascot and/or motto are encouraged to be included within the poster
5. Any medium or combination of mediums may be used:
 - Cut and paste
 - Hand drawn (paints, charcoal, markers, crayon)
 - Computer (complete work cannot be generated by computer)

NOTE: Any poster design deemed inappropriate will be removed from the competition.

2025-2026 MISSION: STEM POSTER COMPETITION (Score Sheet)

Please Check: ☐ Elementary School ☐ Middle School ☐ High School

School Name			
Student Name			
School District		State	
Judge Name		Date	
School Coordinator Name			

The maximum number of points for the poster is 100

EVALUATION CATEGORIES

I. ORGANIZATION

- The student's poster design is minimum size of 18 x 24 inches or a maximum size of 24 x 36 inches /5
- MISSION: STEM theme (**Destination SpaceU**) is evident /5

II. POSTER DESIGN

- The poster design effectively carries out the theme: **Destination SpaceU** /15
- The poster design is aesthetically appealing /15
- Visual principles (form, layout, pattern, emphasis, rhythm, contrast, appropriate, and effective) /15
- The overall poster is neat, high quality, and polished /15

III. VIDEO PRESENTATION

- Video is no longer than 2 minutes /5
- Student explains how their poster design captures the theme: **Destination SpaceU** /10
- Student explains what poster design elements they chose and why (e.g., why did the student choose the specific color schedule or the symbols used in their design?) /10
- Student explains how the poster represents a "big idea" in STEM /5

TOTAL (Highest possible score is 100) /100