Levels of Competitions and Regional Assignments

Competitions are an optional part of the National History Day program in which most History Day schools choose to participate. Entering a project in a History Day contest is an opportunity for students to become the expert by sharing their work with peers, parents, and community members. As students advance through levels of competition, they are allowed and encouraged to revise and improve their work.

SCHOOL-LEVEL

School-level contests are a great way to recognize student achievement, as well as narrow down the number of entries a school is able to send to a Regional competition. Schools coordinate their own contests and recruit their own judges from the community. Teachers should check out the resources we have on our website, including a judge training video, sample forms, and to-do lists.

REGIONAL

Minnesota is divided up into 12 regions for Regional contests. History Day will assign your school to the Regional that works best for your school and the History Day program. Approximately 4,500 students compete at the Regional level in Minnesota. Regional event registration materials will be available online in mid-January.

- All students from the same school must attend the same Regional contest.
- Schools are encouraged to attend the same Regional from year to year. If your school has an unavoidable conflict and you need to switch Regionals, you must contact the State HD office as soon as possible.

Metro Area (1-6)

- **Metro Senior:** There is one Regional event for all Senior Division (grades 9-12) schools in the Metro area that are not part of either the Minneapolis or St. Paul Public School Districts.
- **Metro Junior West, Central, and East:** These three Regional events are for Junior Division (grades 6-8) schools in the Metro area that are not part of either the Minneapolis or St. Paul Public School Districts.
- **Minneapolis Public School District:** This Regional event is ONLY for schools in the Minneapolis Public School District. If you are not in this district, you will attend the Metro Senior event or one of the Metro Junior events.
- **St. Paul Public School District:** This Regional event is ONLY for schools in the St. Paul Public School District. If you are not in this district, you will attend the Metro Senior event or one of the Metro Junior events.

Greater Minnesota (7-12)

Regional lines are roughly drawn along county boundaries.

- **7** Northeast - Duluth
- **8** Northwest - Bemidji
- **9** West Central - Moorhead
- **10** Central - St. Cloud
- **11** South Central - Mankato
- **12** Southeast - Winona

STATE: May 2, 2020

State History Day takes place at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities campus. Entries from each Regional contest will be eligible to compete at State, with approximately 1,300 students taking part. State Qualifiers will receive information and registration materials at their Regional award ceremonies. Eligible students must register for State in order to compete. Information about State will be available on the History Day website in March.

NATIONAL CONTEST: JUNE 14-18, 2020

The National Contest takes place in mid-June at the University of Maryland in College Park, just outside of Washington, D.C. The top two entries in each category/division will represent Minnesota at the contest, approximately 60 students.