

The Cobb County Writing Fair 2010 - 2011

PROCEDURES FOR SYSTEMWIDE JUDGING

1. Judges for systemwide judging will be chosen from local schools, colleges, central office staff, and the community.
2. Systemwide judges will not have access to each other's scores while judging, nor should they know the writer's name.
3. The writing entries with the highest score at each grade level will be the systemwide winners.

SYSTEMWIDE WINNERS: Five systemwide winners per grade level will be selected. (K-5)

NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS

CLASS WINNERS: Individual schools should determine locally when they announce class winners.

SCHOOL WINNERS: Each school should have local winners selected and submitted to Deborah Chester at the Central Office by March 11, 2011.

SYSTEMWIDE WINNERS: Systemwide winners will be recognized at a Young Writers' Celebration in April, 2011. More details will be available at a later date.

PLAGIARISM

Any work that is submitted must not be copied from another writer's work (exact words, main thought and structure, or plot invented by another writer). Those who do submit plagiarized manuscripts are certain to be detected when published, and the consequences can be personally painful for the entrants, their friends, their parents, and their schools.

*Schoolwide Winners
Due to Deborah Chester,
Curriculum and Instruction
on or before March 11, 2011*

*Young Writers' Celebration
TBA*



PURPOSES

The purposes of the Writing Fair are (1) to encourage students K - 5 to develop writings that represent their best efforts, (2) to provide a context for schools to support and celebrate the writing successes of all students, (3) to encourage and recognize student achievement in writing throughout the system.

GENERAL

1. Entries must be student generated. (Goal: The student selected publication from the Student Portfolio is an authentic piece with evidence of the writing process).
2. Entries must be single authored.
3. Entries must not exceed five pages – **FRONT ONLY - 8 ½ x 11 PAPER**. Minimum 12 font. Entries may not be bound into booklets.
4. Entries may be typed **or** neatly written. Typed entries must be double spaced.

CATEGORIES

Any type of student writing is permissible. Entries may be short stories, poetry, essays, journals, personal narratives, reports, or any other original student writing.

LOCAL SCHOOL WRITING FAIR REQUIREMENTS

Each participating school will hold a local level Writing Fair using the criteria outlined in this brochure.

PROCEDURES FOR CLASSROOM JUDGING

1. It is recommended that the classroom teacher choose another faculty member to select his/her class winner..
2. The paper with the highest total score from each class will be submitted for schoolwide judging.

PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOLWIDE JUDGING

1. Judges for schoolwide judging may be chosen from the faculty and administration of each school as well as from the community and other resources.
2. The schoolwide judges should not have access to each other's scores while judging, nor should they know the writer's name.
3. The writing entry from each grade level with the highest score will be submitted for systemwide judging..

ENTRY QUOTAS

Each school may submit ONE ENTRY per grade level.

PREPARATION FOR SUBMITTING ENTRIES

1. Each entry must be submitted separately and accompanied by a separate entry form.
2. Student numbers **only** will be used to identify writing entries. Names should not appear anywhere on the actual writing entry. Student numbers must be printed in the top right corner of each page of each entry.
3. At the local level each manuscript must be typed or neatly written and submitted on **8 1/2 X 11 "PAPER, FRONT ONLY**, maximum 5 pages – If typed, 12 font and double spaced. All system entries must be edited and proofed.
4. Entries must be accompanied by an official entry form. Entry forms must be filled out completely and signed by the student, parent, and teacher. Any entry submitted without signatures will be disqualified.
5. Entry forms must be stapled to the upper left corner of entries.
6. Entries must be submitted to the school Writing Fair Coordinator by the date designated by the local school, then schoolwide winners must be received at the **Central Office on or before 3/11/2011.**

JUDGING

The purpose of the Writing Fair is to encourage excellence in writing, not competition among students. The goal is to showcase students' best writing achievements. Each piece of writing will be judged on its own merit, not in comparison with others.

JUDGING/SCORING RUBRIC

Please use the rubric posted in Curriculum Briefings, 10/29/2010 to score local school student entries.

District Judges will score with the same rubric for selection of district winners.