

The Cobb County School District  
Writing Fair 2010 - 2011



School-wide Winners K - 5  
Due to Deborah Chester  
Curriculum and Instruction  
On or before March 11, 2011

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Young Writers' Celebration  
District Level Winners K - 12  
April 21, 2011 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Location: TBA

## **PURPOSES**

The purposes of the Cobb County Writing Fair are (1) to encourage students K-12 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, (4) to select outstanding entries to forward to the state's Young Georgia Authors Competition (YGA).

## **GENERAL**

1. Grades K – 12 entries must follow guidelines of the CCSD Writing Fair Contest
2. Entries must be a student's original, previously unpublished work.
3. Entries must be single authored.
4. Entries must not exceed five pages – *front only*.
5. Entries may be typed or neatly written on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper.
6. Entries must be double spaced with a minimum 12 point font, if typed.
7. No student, school, or system information should be written on the original writing entry.

## **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 Contest using the criteria outlined by the rules of the CCSD Writing Fair Competition. Each school will determine one winning entry per grade level.

## **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 score from each class will be submitted for school-wide 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 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 ½ x 11 inch paper. 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.
4. Entry forms must be stapled to the upper left corner of entries.
5. A single winning school entry for each grade level must be submitted to Deborah Chester, Curriculum and Instruction on or before **Friday, March 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.

## CCSD Writing Fair JUDGING/SCORING RUBRIC 2010-2011

Directions: The categories are divided into four domains as reflected in the Georgia Performance Standards: Ideas, Style, Organization, and Conventions. The maximum score is 50 points. The maximum points in each sub-category in the domains are 5.

Judge's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number \_\_\_\_\_

DOMAIN	SUB-CATEGORY	MAXIMUM PTS.	TOTAL POINTS
<b>IDEAS</b>			
40%	Depth of Development	5	
	Sense of Completeness	5	
	Focus	5	
	Relevance of Detail	5	
<b>STYLE</b>			
20%	Voice	5	
	Diction	5	
<b>ORGANIZATION</b>			
20%	Sequence of Ideas	5	
	Appropriate Organizational Strategies	5	
<b>CONVENTIONS</b>			
20%	Clarity of Meaning	5	
	Overall Mechanics	5	
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>			

**COMMENTS:**

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## **PROCEDURES FOR SYSTEMWIDE JUDGING**

1. Judges for system-wide judging will be chosen from local schools, colleges, central office staff, and the community.
2. System-wide 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 system-wide winners.

## **SYSTEM WIDE WINNERS**

One systemwide 1<sup>st</sup> place winner per grade level will be selected.

## **NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS**

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

**SCHOOL WINNERS:** Each school should have local winners (one per grade level) selected and **submitted to Deborah Chester, Curriculum and Instruction on or before March 11, 2010.**

**SYSTEMWIDE WINNERS:** System-wide/District level winners will be recognized at a Young Writers' Celebration to be held April 21, 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.