

Poster Contest Rules for 2016-2017  
Hinds County Soil and Water Conservation District  
**Open to all 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in Hinds County**  
(Includes public, private, charter or home school students)

**DUE DATE:**

- **All entries must be received in our office by Friday, Dec. 9, 2016 and may be submitted before the deadline.**
- **The address is 322 New Market Dr., Jackson, MS 39209**
- **Phone number is (601) 965-5682 Ext. 180**
- **School pickup arrangements must be made by Dec. 2, 2016.**



**THEME:** The theme for the contest this year is “**Healthy Soils Are Full of Life**”. The theme emphasizes the absolute necessity of nutrient-rich soils in which our food is grown.

- **The theme must be on the front of the poster**
- **Be sure to emphasize the link between conservation and healthy soils!**

**FORMAT AND STYLE:** The maximum size of the poster should be no larger than **22” X 28” (standard poster board)** and the minimum size should be no smaller than **“8.5 X 11”**. Any media may be used to create a flat or two- dimensional effect using paint, water colors, crayons, colored pencils, paper & magazine cut outs, or other materials. Please refrain from three dimensional effects on your poster as the district will not be held responsible for lost objects glued, taped or otherwise adhered on posters.

**POSTER ID:** A Poster ID form should be adhered to the back of each poster. A poster ID form is available for reproduction and should be completed in its entirety. **Students name should not appear on the front of the poster!**

**SCORING:** Posters will be scored on originality, neatness, and the degree to which the poster expresses the idea, importance and practicality of the subject as it relates the theme.

- Conservation message - 50%
- Visual effectiveness - 30%
- Originality -10%
- Universal appeal -10%

**JUDGING:** The posters are first judged at each grade level for each school to determine the first, second and third place school winners. Next, the first place winning entries are grouped by grade to determine the overall County winners. All first place County winners in each grade will advance to a Central Area competition. Any first place winning entries in the Central Area competition will advance to the State competition. Any first place winning entries in the State competition will advance to the National competition.

**RECOGNITION:** Each participant will receive a pencil for your entry. A certificate will be presented to each first, second and third place school winner for each grade that entries were submitted.

**AWARDS:** County winners for first, second or third place will receive a ribbon, certificate and cash award. **The cash awards are First place-- \$40.00, Second place--\$30.00 and Third place--\$20.00.**

**RECEPTION:** **All county winners will be honored at our Annual Poster and Essay reception that will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.** A letter containing an invitation will be mailed to the mailing address included on the cover sheet. *WINNERS MUST R.S.V.P. for the reception.*