LaJSHS- Poster Presentation Guidelines

**Definition:**

The poster is a hybrid between a research paper and an oral presentation. The primary purpose of a poster is to communicate what was done, the data obtained, and the researcher's conclusions/recommendation for future research. A poster is more concise since the author is present to explain and elaborate on the research work. You should typically have a single page for each major section of the poster.

**Composition:**

The poster contains the following sections:

- Title
- Student’s name and regional symposium
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions
- Acknowledgements

**Display:**

- Tri-fold poster boards (2 Ply, 36” x 48") should be used. Materials that will be provided include staplers, stick pins, double sided tape and scissors. The poster ready, printed materials must fit within a 36” wide, and 48” high poster board.
- Tables will be supplied.
- Posters should be readable from a distance of 4 feet.
- The Title should be at least one inch (72 pts) in height. The student’s name should be included and should be (48 pts). All other lettering should be in 24-point font size. (Point size indicated above is suggested size only).
- The poster should be balanced and organized in a logical, sequential order.
- Keep the amount of text to a minimum.
- There should be more emphasis on graphics, tables, charts, and graphs.
- You can use photographs in addition to other illustrations. Figures may be in color.
- No hazardous materials allowed. No Laptops are to be used. No specimens, no apparatus, no chemical reagents, no models are to be used during the presentation. Only printed material, affixed to the poster, will be allowed for the poster presentation.
- No electric outlets and no Internet connections will be available.
- All materials must be prepared (printed) and “poster ready” in advance of arriving at the Regional and ready to be tacked onto the poster board. Printers will not be available.
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During the entire duration of the poster session, presenters should remain close to their posters and be available to answer questions and discuss their research. We ask that mentors and other students from the same school as the presenting student not remain directly with that student or assist during the actual poster presentation time period.

During registration for the poster presentation, students will be assigned numbers to assigned tables, in a designated room, so students know where to set up their poster display.

**Judging**

Winners for the poster session will be selected by student judges. Winners of the poster session will be announced on Saturday, January 16, 2010. The poster layout below is a suggestion rather than a strict template, extra copies of the abstract and a research report are not required.)

The poster session activities are open to all participants including teachers, students, directors and staff.