



RULES FOR 2011/2012
HINDS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
POSTER CONTEST

"SOIL TO SPOON"

Open to any 3rd – 12th grade student in Hinds County.

1. **SUBJECT:** The theme for the contest this year, as chosen by the national and state conservation associations, is "**SOIL TO SPOON**". The theme must be on the front of the poster! The theme emphasizes - (**poster ideas**) – importance of understanding where the food comes from that we eat each day. You see a wide variety of products in your local grocery store. What is the connection to the soil you walk on each day? (The importance of soil as it relates to our food supply). Additional information on the theme and tips to remember on making a poster can be viewed on the National Association of Conservation Districts website at: <http://www.nacdnet.org/stewardship&education/> Other websites that contain useful information include:
Ag in the Classroom- <http://www.agclassroom.org/>
4-H Virtual Farm- <http://www.sites.ext.vt.edu/virtualfarm/>

2. **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 (paint, water colors, crayons, colored pencils, paper & magazine cut outs, or other materials). (Please no "matchbox" cars, figures, rocks, etc.) The district will not be held responsible for lost objects (glued, taped, etc.) on posters. ****REMEMBER- THE THEME ("SOIL TO SPOON") NEEDS TO APPEAR ON THE FRONT OF THE POSTER TO QUALIFY FOR THE AREA AND STATE CONTESTS. NO NAMES SHOULD APPEAR ON THE FRONT OF THE POSTER!**

2. **AWARDS:** The poster contest is open to all students in grades 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th in Hinds County. Make sure to turn in all your entries; the judges will judge the posters at the class, school and county level. A certificate will be given for the top three in each grade in every school. The first place winner in each grade in each school will then be judged in the overall county contest. Cash prizes and certificates will be awarded to the First, Second and Third Place **overall county winners** in each grade. **The award monies are First place-- \$40.00, Second place--\$30.00 and Third place--\$20.00.** Special Education category will include all special education classes. ****Special education posters will need to indicate on the back of the poster the level of the student i.e. – SLD, TMR, EMR, Hearing or sight impaired, etc. Consideration will be given to their various skill levels.**

The 33 county winners will then be notified by Email (Email is preferred but notification by letter can occur if requested or if there is no email address to contact) and the First, Second and Third Place awards will be announced at the Hinds County Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Poster & Essay Reception for students, parents and teachers to be held April 10, 2012. All participants, parents and teachers are welcome to attend the event.



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4. **ENTRIES:** Entries are to be sent or delivered to the Hinds County Soil and Water Conservation District 322 New Market Drive, Jackson (on Highway 18, approximately 2 miles south of Metro Center. The district is located in the USDA office on Hwy 18, just south of the Maddox Road & Hwy 18 intersection, on the right if coming from I-20- Exit 40 A Raymond Hwy 18.) Posters are due on or before the deadline date of 4:30 p.m. Friday, December 9th, 2011. ***NEW-If you can't bring the posters to our office, if our schedule permits, an office employee will pick up the posters. Call (601-965-5682 Ext. 3 or email lynn.porter@ms.nacdnet.net) I have to receive notification by Friday, December 2nd if you would like us to pick up your posters.*** **If schools would like their posters returned; each school will be responsible for picking up their posters after the contest!!

5. **IDENTIFICATION:** Please put sponsoring teacher's email address and student's or parent's email address on poster identification form. I will be making contacts with winners and educators through Email as much as possible. Identification of the poster should be made on the Poster Contest Identification form and attached to the back of the poster. All of the same information may be printed on the back of the poster. A sample entry form is enclosed for you to reproduce. **STUDENT'S NAME SHOULD NOT APPEAR ON FRONT OF THE POSTER.** Social Security numbers and additional information will be needed for students who advance to the area and state competition. Please make sure that the students include all information and indicate the teacher responsible for the poster contest.

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

1. Conservation message-----50%
2. Visual effectiveness-----30%
3. Originality-----10%
4. Universal appeal-----10%

ENTRIES MAY BE TURNED IN BEFORE THE DEADLINE.
ENTRY DEADLINE-----FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 2011

