

2020 RCSD Bullying Awareness Poster / Poetry Contest

Poster/ poetry must include a theme or slogan, which is reflected in the artwork. Below are some topic ideas:

- Physical Bullying (pushing, shoving, hitting, threats, vandalism, theft, etc.)
- Emotional Bullying (name calling, insults, teasing, etc.)
- Social Bullying (gossiping, teasing about appearance, exclusion, public humiliation, etc.)
- Cyber- Bullying (texting/messaging threats, defamatory web posts, derogatory emails, etc.)
- Positive Friendships
- Peer Pressure
- Peer Conflict

Eligibility & Divisions: All students attending any Rankin County School District school. Posters/ poetry will be judged in the following separate divisions:

- Category 1: Pre-K through 2nd (poster only)
- Category 2: 3rd – 5th (poster only)
- Category 3: 6th – 8th (poster & poetry)
- Category 4: High School (poster & poetry)

Size & Paper Specifications: All Posters should be on either 8x10 or 11x17 paper. Lightweight paper should be mounted on tag board or self-supporting.

Art Media Criteria: Crayons, cut paper, felt-tip pens, markers, pencils, pen & ink, photos, etc. may be used to create a poster. Wood, plastic, glass, metal, fabric and felt should NOT be part of the poster. Collage materials such as stencils, stickers, tracings, etc. may only be used by entrants in Category 1. **POSTERS MUST BE FLAT FOR PRINTSHOP REPRODUCTION PURPOSES.**

Poetry Criteria (Middle & High School ONLY): A poem in its entirety must be an original work by the person entering the contest. Poems must be typed in black ink & a minimum of 12 pt. font. Poems should be no longer than one page in length & should be rhyme or free verse.

Identification: Your name, grade level, school, & teacher should appear on a separate piece of paper attached to the back of the poster.

Copyright: Your poster CANNOT include any copyrighted characters, such as those from comics, cartoons, television programs, newspapers, magazines, etc.

Judging Criteria: Judges will look for a relationship of the poster design to a theme, originality of the poster, quality of the artwork, visual impact of the poster design and suitability of poster for printing.

Winners: 3 winning posters/poetry will be selected from each category (1st, 2nd, 3rd). The winning posters will be printed and reproduced for distribution in all school district-wide. Additionally, the following monetary prizes will be awarded:

1st Place: \$100
2nd Place: \$50
3rd Place: \$25

DEADLINE: Posters & poetry are due to school counselors by **October 26, 2020**. Each school will submit 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for district competition. Please bring winning artwork to RCSD Student Support Services Training Center by **Nov. 2, 2020**.