

District 95 Film Festival

Film Submission Guidelines

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RULES

- **IMPORTANT!!!** All actors/filmmakers must abide by COVID-19 restrictions including 6 feet of social distancing, masks, and limited group gatherings as defined by the Illinois Department of Public Health/CDC. Any films submitted that do not abide by these restrictions will not be accepted. Have a question about what's allowed? Email us at <mailto:d95filmfestival@l95.org>.
- All films must be submitted by **Friday, January 22, 2021**.
- Films need to be "G" Rated: school appropriate language and clothing, films should not depict drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or handgun use. *If you have any questions regarding appropriateness—PLEASE contact d95filmfestival@l95.org*
- Films may not be longer than 5 minutes.
- Each student is allowed to submit 1 entry per person. Exceptions are made to class projects (Teachers may submit 1 entry per class)
- Filmmakers must get permission from actors (and their parents if they are under 18) before recording them. Also get permission before showing up at a location to film.
- Scripts and characters should be original.
- Music must either be original compositions and original recordings. To use commercially or previously recorded music, movie directors must secure permission from the composers and or original recording artists.

JUDGING

- Films will be judged on the following:
Technical quality, storytelling/effective communicating, artistic merit, acting, overall effect/emotional impact, music/sound
- Three prizes will be awarded at each of the three age groups: High School, Middle School & Elementary School. Prizes will be gift cards valued at \$50, \$30 & \$15. One "Best of Show" will be awarded.
- A selection of entries will be chosen for viewing at the Film Festival. The Film Festival committee reserves the right to select the films to be shown at the Film Festival.



TYPES OF FILMS

- Comedy
- Drama
- Documentary
- Animation
- Public Service Announcement

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A traveling trophy will be awarded to the school with the most film submissions!