

District 95 Film Festival

Film Submission Guidelines

Sponsored by the District 95 Educational Foundation



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RULES

- Film submissions are due by **January 20, 2023**.
- 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@lz95.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.

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



TYPES OF FILMS

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

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