



Virtual competition norms

As the national conference moves virtual this year, we have decided that some additional guidelines were needed for our virtual competitions to make sure all competitors have the best possible opportunity and experience. Be sure to review these and the posted guidelines as you prepare for your competition.

General protocols for all competitions

- Use virtual background or have a plain wall behind you that is not able to allow passage behind
- Make sure your pets are contained
- Keep doors closed when possible
- Mute on entry and turn video on when entering competition to present
- Dress as if this is a live competition. (Not just waist up) Review the competition dress code section of the competition guidelines.
- For pre-recorded video of presentation to judges
 - Make sure camera angle is focused on your head and shoulders
 - Make eye contact with camera
- National will require all pre-recorded presentations to be uploaded with competition application

The following competitions will all require a pre-recorded presentation to be submitted with the application. It will be pre-scored prior to the conference. Only the live Q&A portion will take place during the National Conference dates.

- [Children's literature K-3/Pre-K/Collegiate](#)
- [Educators Rising Leadership Award](#)
- [Ethical Dilemma](#)
- [Exploring Education Administration Careers](#)
- [Exploring Non-Core Subject Teaching Careers](#)
- [Exploring Support Services Careers](#)
- [Inside Our Schools Presentation](#)
- [Lesson Planning and Delivery – Arts](#)
- [Lesson Planning and Delivery – Career and Technical Education](#)
- [Lesson Planning and Delivery – Humanities](#)
- [Lesson Planning and Delivery – STEM](#)
- [Researching Learning Challenges](#)

Additional protocols for specific competitions

- [Children's literature K-3/Pre-K/Collegiate](#)
 - Pre-recorded presentation with live Q&A following presentation
 - Show book first then move into presentation to the slide deck
 - Scan book and create a slide deck of book (present as PDF-use arrow keys to flip pages)
 - Try using scanning app on your Android phone or Genius Scan app from the App Store if you use an iPhone



- *A PDF of the book will be required to be submitted with the national application. It will be pre-scored prior to the conference.*
- **Job Interview**
 - Live presentation only
- **Public Speaking/EdRising Moment/Creative Lecture**
 - Live presentation only
 - Mute all during set up and host allows for next speaker
 - Turn all cameras off except for speaker.
- **Impromptu Lesson Plan**
 - Live presentation—prompt given day of
 - Provide supply list ahead of time to have at home or school
 - Two virtual rooms (one for prep/one for presentation)
 - Cameras and mics on in prep room
 - Room monitor reminds competitor that they cannot use internet to prepare
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 - Cameras and mics on in prep room
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Protocols for contests

- **Bulletin Board/Service Project contests**
 - Pre-recorded presentation with live Q&A following presentation
 - Take pictures of full board
 - Take individual pictures of each section of the board
 - Create slides for presentation
- **Teacher Created Materials contest**
 - Pre-recorded presentation with live Q&A following presentation
 - Could be slide deck and/or handheld during presentation
 - Could pre-record demonstration and have it play in background during presentation