

We All Live in a Watershed

2025-26 Durham Soil and Water Poster Contest

Eligibility

Grade divisions for this contest are 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade.

This contest is open to all public schools, private schools, homeschool students, and student clubs in Durham County.

Due Date

All contest entries are due to the Durham Soil and Water Conservation District office by **January 30, 2026, at 5 PM.**

You can drop off your entries at 201 E Main St, floor 5, Durham, NC 27701.

Poster Contest Details

Show off your creativity by participating in the 2025-26 Durham Soil and Water Conservation District's Conservation Creativity Contests!

This year's theme is: We All Live in a Watershed

While not everyone lives next to a lake, pond, or stream, we all live in a watershed. A watershed is an area of land that drains all the snow and rainfall to a common outlet, such as a lake.

Create a poster that explores watersheds. Use your creativity to explore the one you live in, tell others about watersheds, and more!

Students are encouraged to be original in their poster. The judges are looking for the entries that best convey the message to a viewer while being original and creative.

Essential Standards

3RD GRADE

3.V.1	Visual arts to communicate
3.V.2	Apply critical thinking to art

4TH GRADE

4.V.2.2	Ideas and imagery from NC
ESS.4.3.2	How humans can adapt their behavior

5TH GRADE

5.V.1.2	Art that reflects personal voice
5.V.2.2	Use idea from the global environment as sources.

Prizes

1st place: \$50, a certificate, and a yard sign.

2nd place: \$25, a certificate, and a yard sign.

Teachers: If your student wins 1st place, you will receive \$30!

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Official Rules - Posters: 3rd - 5th grades

- NO NAMES ON THE FRONT. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Posters should be **no larger than 24x36 inches**. No exceptions!
- Posters must have the current theme incorporated into the poster, **preferably as the header/poster title**.
- Pictures or other materials may be mounted on the poster if mounted securely. Only materials that are flat or create a 2D effect may be used.
- Poster should be colored (any coloring materials may be used).
- Poster must be the original work of the student. Original work is created by the student and shows a fresh, new idea. Hand drawn pictures are preferred over computer generated.
- Posters should be submitted flat and not rolled.
- Posters must be identified on the back **using the official registration form** (see below).

Entry Form (attach to the back of posters)

2025-2026 POSTER CONTEST ENTRY FORM *(required)*

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student's Mailing Address: _____

Parent's Name and Email: _____

Educator's Name: _____

Educator's Phone #: _____

Educator's Email: _____

School Student Attends: _____

County: **DURHAM** District: **Durham Soil & Water**