



Nemaha County Conservation District

Theme: "Soil. Where it All Begins" 2026 Rules and Guidelines 2026 Conservation Poster Contest

The Nemaha County Conservation District will sponsor their annual poster contest again this year.

The contest ends Friday, September 11, 2026

Contest Rules

Participant Eligibility: The Poster Contest is open to all elementary students, grades Kindergarten (K) through eighth (8). Entrants may be identified with schools, 4-H clubs, Boy or Girl Scouts, church groups, etc. The contest is open to home-schooled students. They will be judged with the levels listed below. The contest is also open to children with special needs. They will be judged separately with no age or grade distinction.

Prizes to be given to grade groups:

1st group will include grades Kindergarten and 1st.

2nd group will include grades 2nd and 3rd.

3rd group will include grades 4th thru 6th.

4th group will include grades 7th and 8th.

*Prizes awarded to junior high school (7th and 8th grades) will comply with the requirements of the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

Paper: Posters shall be on suitable poster paper and arranged for horizontal display only. Posters shall not be mounted on other background material. The Nemaha County Conservation District will provide paper for all participants this year. Teachers, please email us if you need paper at dana.schmelzle@usda.gov

Media: Posters may be computer generated, in pencil, pen and ink, paint, watercolor, crayon, cut paper, etc.

Theme: The title "Soil. Where it All Begins" must be on the poster. This is the only title eligible for the 2026 poster contest.

Participant Information: Student's name, home address, age, grade, school, parents' name, teacher's name, and t-shirt size must be put on the back of the poster. (Please make sure every poster is submitted with this information-Use the form below or attach a label to the poster with that information on it.)

Deadline: Poster entries are due on or before Friday, September 11, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Posters can be dropped off at the NRCS/Conservation District Office in Seneca, at 411 North Street. If you need someone from the Nemaha County Conservation District to pick them up, please call us at 785-336-5748 by Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

Judges: Judges will be selected, and their decisions will be final.

Judging Standards: The judges will select winners according to the score sheet as follows:

A: Conservation Message-----	50%
B: Visual Effectiveness-----	30%
C: Originality-----	10%
D: Universal Appeal-----	10%

****Incorrect spelling or poor grammar will eliminate any poster from competition.**



Soil.

Where it all Begins



**Nemaha County
Conservation District**

THEME:

“Soil. Where it all Begins”

Attach this form to the back of the poster

All entries must first go through a local
Conservation District Sponsored Contest
and then proceed to the State Contest.

Student:

Students Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Age: _____

Home Address: _____

City State Zip code: _____

Parents Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

School:

☐ Centralia ☐ NCEMS ☐ Sabetha ☐ SPSS

Other: _____

Teacher that Assigned this Contest: _____

Grade: _____

Shirt Size:

☐ Youth Small ☐ Adult Small
☐ Youth Medium ☐ Adult Medium
☐ Youth Large ☐ Adult Large
☐ Youth XL ☐ Adult XL

See Full Rules:



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Category:

☐ K-1
☐ 2-3
☐ 4-6
☐ 7-8