



2025 School Exhibitor Guide

Northern Wisconsin State Fair
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Save your student projects for the 2025 School Exhibits at the Northern WI State Fair!

This Exhibit Guide is shared with the Superintendent of each school district in Chippewa County. We encourage the administrators to share this information with all their staff members. A representative from the Fair office would be happy to come to your school(s) for a short presentation. Contact dtotzke@nwsfa.com to schedule a visit or to answer any questions.

2025 Timeline:

- **Entries should be made online by the teacher prior to June 15.** Assistance with entering exhibits is offered at the Fair Office after school during the school year or during the day once school has ended. Email to make an appointment or with questions.
- **Exhibits should be delivered to the Fairgrounds by June 20.** It is recommended to call ahead to make sure someone is available. Office hours are generally Monday – Friday from 8-4. Stop by the office so we can open the building for you. At drop off time, let us know who the pickup person will be.
 - **The school exhibits will be moving to the Youth Building, near the East Gate / barns.**
- **Premium checks:** Each teacher's collection of **12 to 30** quality items will earn a premium of \$50.00.
 - **Notice the minimum number of 12 is new for 2025.** For example: you might enter 1 booklet, 2 posters, and 9 individual items of student work (not more than 3 of the same project).
 - Specialists with more than one section of students should contact the office for assistance entering more than 30 items.
 - Checks will be sent with projects when they are picked up July 15-18. Teachers may individually pick up their checks from the fair office on the Monday after the fair.
- **Exhibits must be picked up between July 15-18, 2025.** It is recommended to call ahead to make sure someone is available. Office hours are generally Monday – Friday from 8-4. Stop by the office so we can open the **Youth Building** for you. Call if you need to make special arrangements.

2025 Expectations:

1. The TEACHER is the Exhibitor.

- **Each teacher may enter a collection of 12 to 30 items.** Specialists or teachers with more than 30 students should contact the office for assistance.
- **Each teacher should complete the Information Sheet found in this packet and include it with their collection.**
- Each teacher's collection of 12-30 quality items will earn a premium of \$50.00.
- Students may help select their best work to be included in the teacher's collection.
- Teachers will electronically enter their items. Assistance is available at the Fair office after school during the school year, and in the daytime once school ends. And on the Fair website.
 - One person from the school / building can do the registration for all the teachers. See the link on the Fair website for directions.
 - Email dtotzke@nwsfa.com for the secret code to bypass payment at the end of registration.
 - Or you may choose to pay the registration fee to support fair programming.
- The teacher may pick up a weeklong wristband from the fair office Monday or Tuesday prior to the Fair or at the East Gate Volunteer Booth beginning the first day of the Fair.

- The term “Teacher” includes any school district staff member that works with students, including traditional classrooms, MAPE or other special areas, and Special Education. Specialists with over 30 students or multiple sections may contact the fair office for help registering more items.
2. **“Division” refers to the grade the student completed during the 2024-2025 school year.** Open to Pre-K through Grade 12. Teachers will provide the total number of students in their class and the number of students who have an item entered in the fair, to determine percentage for state reporting.
 3. **“Class” is the type of project.** Read the descriptions carefully, classes have been simplified for 2025. The goal is to have a greater variety of exhibits for fairgoers to enjoy. **Do NOT enter projects that include perishable food items.**
 4. **Label all exhibits on the BACK.** Student names will not be displayed. Include these things: 1) school district 2) school building 3) teachers first and last name 4) students first and last name 5) grade level. **Projects should be mounted, when possible, to help with display.** A sample tag can be found in this packet.
 5. **Size limits.**
 - Poster projects shall not be bigger than standard tag board (24”x36”).
 - Individual projects that can be hung on the walls for display shall not be bigger than 12”x18” (a standard piece of construction paper).
 - Individual 3D or free-standing projects should be sturdy and have a base that will fit on a 24” deep shelf/table. Fair staff may choose not to display items that come apart during transport.
 6. **Display.** Each teacher's collection of entries will be displayed as a group. Student names will not be displayed **The teacher MAY send an 8.5x11 “banner” including their name as they would like it to appear, along with their building & school district.** Example
 - Or the School Exhibits Leadership will create one.
 7. **Judging.** Will take place prior to the start of the Fair.
 - Student's work may be given a sticker for places 1 through 4.
 - Teacher collections may be given a ribbon.
 8. **The premium will be paid to the teacher.**
 - Each teacher's collection of **12 to 30** quality items will earn a premium of \$50.00.
 - Premium checks will be sent back to the school with the person who picks up the exhibits. Or they may be picked up at the office on the Monday after the fair ends.
 - The teacher may choose to use the premium in any way they want: to support their classroom, to support a school initiative such as the playground or a garden project; to donate their premium to the building PTO or other organization that supports education; to split the check between their students whose exhibits were entered in the Fair.



Department B-35 School Exhibits

- Each item sent to the fair should be entered into ShoWorks
- Enter a minimum of 12 items, a maximum of 30 items. Up to 3 examples of one type of project.
- Specialists with more than 30 students should contact the office for assistance.

Divisions = the grade the student completed during 2024-2025.

Division A: Pre-K
Division B: Kindergarten
Division C: Grade 1
Division D: Grade 2
Division E: Grade 3

Division F: Grade 4
Division G: Grade 5
Division H: Grade 6
Division I: Grade 7
Division J: Grade 8

Division K: Grade 9
Division L: Grade 10
Division M: Grade 11
Division N: Grade 12

Class # Description

1. **Compilation of student work on one subject.** Enter up to 10 compilations. This could be a booklet or poster created by the teacher that includes work done by multiple students, all on the same topic. Booklets should be bound in a way that fairgoers may pick it up and browse through it.
2. **Collaborative works created by multiple students.** Enter up to 10 collaborative works. This could be a poster, collage, or mural created by multiple students on any subject. If a project is larger than a standard tag board 24"x36", divide it onto multiple sheets and enter each section as one item. Possible themes could include: Our Year. How we've grown. A specific topic that was studied, such as seasons, states, a historical event, a book or author study, or a special event that happened at your school.
3. **Work done by individual students.** Enter up to 30 individual works. **When registering use the "description" field to indicate the type of project** – see ideas below. To provide a variety of items for fairgoers to enjoy, only enter up to 3 items from a given type of project. Pick your top 3 examples of any project created throughout the year. **Possible topics include:**

- Nursery Rhymes project
- Project about letters / alphabet
- Writing sample, Printed / Manuscript
- Writing sample, Cursive / Penmanship
- Language project, connected to the curriculum.
- Reading activity, connected to the curriculum.
- Illustrated short story, based on a published text.
- Illustrated short story, original.
- Creative writing, long, original
- Newspaper style article, original
- Research report, short
- Research poster
- Math activity, numbers
- Science report, single page
- Science poster
- Science project, 3D
- Social Studies report, single page
- Social Studies poster
- Social Studies project, 3D
- Social Skills project

- School Spirit project
- Religion Project

Creative works

- Holiday Activity
- Seasonal Activity
- Project about color(s)
- Freehand drawing, crayon
- Freehand drawing, marker
- Freehand drawing, pencil
- Freehand drawing, pen
- Freehand drawing, mixed media
- Freehand drawing, pastel, mounted with clear covering.
- Freehand drawing, chalk, mounted with clear covering.
- Freehand drawing, charcoal, mounted with clear covering.
- Painting, watercolor
- Painting, tempera
- Painting, oil
- Painting, other
- Craft project, not holiday related.
- Collage, mixed material artwork
- 3D craft

- Sculpture
- Diorama
- Papier Mache'
- Poster, not academic
- Ceramic/Pottery
- Ceramic sculpture
- Ceramics, wheel thrown.
- Ceramics, hand built.
- Ceramics, slip casting.
- Art Project, other
- **Technology & Engineering related.**
- Woodworking project
- Printmaking project
- Metalworking project
- 3D-printed project
- Project created in Tech Ed Classes
- Model related to STEM.



2025 School Exhibit Information Sheet

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This form must accompany your collection.

About me (fill in all)

- My name is (first & Last): _____
- My building/district are: _____

About my collection (answer all question)

- My collection includes ____ items. **A minimum of 12 items**, up to 30.
- I had a total of ____ students in my class this year.
- ____ students have an item in my collection.

Collection Label/Sign (choose 1)

- I have designed my own 8.5x11 sign on any color paper.
Example:
- The Fair may create a sign. I would like my name to read:



Cost (choose 1)

- I will email dtotzke@nwsfa.com for the secret code, so my cost to enter is \$0.
- I will support NWSF programing by paying the \$15 registration fee.

Wristband (choose 1) A \$25 value.

- I will pick up my weeklong fair entry wristband at the office the Monday or Tuesday of fair week.
- I will pick up my weeklong fair entry wristband from the East Gate during the fair.
- I do not need a weeklong fair entry wristband.

Premium Check (choose 1) Each quality collection of 12-30 items earns \$50.

- I will pick up my check on Monday or Tuesday of fair week or the Monday after the fair.
- My check can go with the person who picks up the school's exhibits.

Delivery & Pick-up (optional)

- **If** you know the name and phone number of the person who will be dropping off and picking up exhibits for your building/district include it here:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

**** Remember that School Exhibits will be located in the Youth Building in 2025****

Sample labels for the back of each project.

School district	School district	School district
School building	School building	School building
Teachers first and last	Teachers first and last	Teachers first and last
Students first and last	Students first and last	Students first and last
Grade level	Grade level	Grade level
School district	School district	School district
School building	School building	School building
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