



ALABAMA HUMANITIES ALLIANCE

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Alabama History Day Guidelines: 2026-2027

Overview:

These guidelines exist to help ensure that Alabama students and teachers have an excellent experience and opportunity to thrive in National History Day and its affiliate programs. Setting parameters not only helps the competition run more smoothly and efficiently, but also helps us continue to increase participation statewide without affecting program quality.

Classroom and School Contests:

Teachers are encouraged to make Alabama History Day part of the classroom experience. This gives *all* students a chance to participate and learn about the competition process, while also rewarding students whose work is exceptional. To increase the fun and inspire some healthy competition, we highly encourage you to hold classroom and/or schoolwide contests. While these are not required, they help ensure that *all* History Day students get to participate in a competition, even if they don't advance to regional, state, or national contests later in the school year.

Regional and State Contest Limits:

We cap the number of students who can advance to our regional and state contests. We do this (1) due to time, judging, and space constraints and (2) to ensure the highest-quality projects advance to these higher-level competitions.

From School to Regionals:

- Teachers can bring no more than TWO (2) projects per category and division to a regional contest. For example, if you teach 7th- and 8th-grade World History, you can bring only two junior individual documentaries and two junior group documentaries.
- Schools that have three (3) or more teachers in a division with more than five (5) projects must have a school runoff. In that school runoff, the top THREE (3) winners can advance to a regional competition.

From Regionals to State:

- If you are in an area where a regional competition is taking place, please refer to your regional coordinator or to Dr. Snider (contact info below) for limits on how many projects can advance to state.

Questions: For any questions about these guidelines, contact AHA's Alabama History Day coordinator, Idrissa N. Snider, Ph.D.: isnider@alabamahumanities.org.

Note: For general contest rules that apply at *all* levels of Alabama/National History Day, consult the official [National History Day rulebook](#).