

# Education Department

Superintendent: Lori Olson

| <i>Education Department Schedule</i> |                 |                          |
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|                                      | <u>Drop Off</u> | <u>Pickup</u>            |
| All Education Exhibits               | May 14 - July 6 | Saturday - 7/25 - 6-8pm  |
|                                      |                 | Sunday - 7/26 - 10am-2pm |

Those picking up exhibits Saturday must pay gate admission. NDSF is not responsible for exhibits after August 7, 2026.

1. Obtain tags and entry forms by calling 701-857-7620 or download them at [www.ndstatefair.com](http://www.ndstatefair.com)
2. Complete the entry form
  - Under contact name list the teacher or school administrator and a phone number.
  - Complete the entry form with a list of Fair exhibits; specify if these are County Fair Blue Ribbon winners.
    - **Please enter Elementary, Middle School, High School and Home School on separate sheets.**
3. Select School Class, Grade Class, and Division from the box below.
4. Follow the guidelines on the back for Mounting, Display, Showmanship, and Stability.
5. Complete the entry tag
  - Label entry tag: School Classification, Grade Class, Division, County, School, Teacher, & Student Name
  - Example: An exhibit of penmanship by a first-grade child in a school with 200 students.
  - School Class – A      Grade– P      Division – 1      Entry No. – Leave blank
  - If more than one student completes the entry, indicate on the entry tag or form how many students were involved in the project so all may receive ribbons.
  - Attach entry tags SECURELY to each entry where they can easily be seen.
6. **Send or bring exhibits to the State Fair Office from May 14 through July 6.** If mailed, mark packages Education Dept. Provide return instructions for exhibits. (i.e., COD, adequate return postage enclosed)
7. **Pickup exhibits between 6pm and 8pm on Saturday, July 25 (you MUST pay the \$12 gate admission) OR Sunday, July 26 between 10am and 2pm. Exhibits not picked up at these designated times may be obtained by calling the NDSF office. NDSF is not responsible for any exhibits left after August 7, 2026.**
8. Receive cash and ribbons
  - All schools receiving more than \$1.00 in premiums (cash prizes) will be mailed a check in September 2026
  - First place (Blue ribbon) - \$1.75; Second place (Red ribbon) - \$0.75; Third place (White ribbon) - \$0.50.
  - Premiums will be paid for school classification only. Example: Class A enters 35 exhibits and receives 20 blue, 10 red, and 5 white ribbons. Premiums will be paid on the 20 blues and 10 reds. (Class A = limit 30 entries)



## CRITIQUE

(Please send a school sign to put with your display items)



### 1. MOUNTING

- No more than eight exhibits on a tag board.
- Lettering should be well planned, balanced and attractive.
- Same quality of work should be mounted together in any one display.
- Student's names should be visible on display.
- Only one entry tag per board is needed.
- Please remove all county fair ribbons.

### 2. DISPLAY

- Select the BEST work for display and not the work of the entire class, e.g., 20 students draw sketches: only the best should come to the Fair, other students may enter another project.
- Science projects need art and language skills for proper presentation.
- Use Showmanship in all displays (see below).
- Do not display small projects on extremely large bases.

### 3. SHOWMANSHIP

- Explanations in the form of 3 x 5 cards may be necessary.
- Include the special circumstance and history of the project.

### 4. STABILITY

- Construct projects so they will not fall apart in normal handling and transportation.

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Questions? Email Superintendent Lori Olson: [lori.olson@minot.k12.nd.us](mailto:lori.olson@minot.k12.nd.us)

#### SCHOOL CLASS:

Entry Premium Limit

- CLASS A 30 entries/elementary school-under 400 students  
 CLASS B 40 entries/elementary school-400 students & over  
 CLASS C 30 entries/middle or junior high school-under 400 students  
 CLASS D 40 entries/middle or junior high school-400 students & over  
 CLASS E 30 entries/high school-under 400 students  
 CLASS F 40 entries/high school-400 students & over  
 CLASS G 30 entries/home school

#### DIVISIONS:

What projects will you submit?

1. Handwriting
2. Illustrated Booklets
3. Special Study Projects:
 

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| a. Science        | b. North Dakota |
| c. Social Studies | d. Collections  |
4. Creative / Visual Arts:
 

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| a. Drawing     | f. Sculpture         |
| b. Painting    | g. Weaving           |
| c. Photography | h. Computer Art      |
| d. Pottery     | i. Pen and Ink       |
| e. Printmaking | j. Three Dimensional |
5. Holiday Art/Craft
6. Original Writing
7. Computer Projects
8. Recycled Art – Made from recycled Items
9. Open – Any project not listed

#### GRADE CLASS:

What grade are your students?

- K - Kindergarten  
 P - Grades 1, 2, 3  
 I - Grades 4, 5, 6  
 MS - Grades 6, 7, 8 or 7, 8, 9  
 HS - Grades 9, 10, 11, 12  
 SN - Special Needs



**North Dakota State Fair**  
**July 17-25, 2026**