

NJ SkillsUSA Championships

NJ State Only Contest

GRAPHIC ARTS

This Event is a "NJ Only" state sponsored contest.

Due to the fact that we are unable to provide the series of testing stations needed to qualify students to compete at the national level, there is no national level competition in this area.

Contest Scope

Student competitors will compete in all the following competition segments:

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An InDesign or another pagination program used at your school. Size must be an 8 ½ x 11 folded as a Tri-fold, document printed on both sides. It must have at least a ¼" margin on all sides from the fold. Images used must be of sharp quality and non-pixelated.

Subjects can be one of the following, but the setup is the same:

- (A) Two-sided brochure describing an event or events at your school.
- (B) Your favorite performer with background information and visuals.
- (C) Your favorite video game with visuals and instructions how to play it.

Items (2-5) will be performed on site the day of the competition.

(2) Layout and Pre-Flighting – the re-creating of a design using appropriate page layout software and ensuring its suitability for print output.

(3) performing a production planning exercise to determine the best approach for production of a specific job.

(4) taking a graphic arts knowledge test.

(5) Finishing-the operation of a paper cutter and a basic fold on a folding machine.

Student competitors will compete in all the following competition segments:

- Preparing a job and printing it with a digital printing device at their home school and bringing the finished piece to the competition along with presenting a power-point of how it was created and printed. This is the only part of the competition to be prepared ahead of time at your school and brought to the competition. Project specifications:
 - An InDesign or another pagination program used at your school.
 - Size must be an 8 ½ x 11 folded as a Tri-fold, document printed on both sides.
 - It must have at least a ¼"margin on all sides from the fold.
 - Images used must be of sharp quality and non-pixelated.
 - Subjects can be one of the following, but the setup is the same:
 - (A) Two-sided brochure describing an event or events at your school.
 - (B) Your favorite performer with background information and visuals.
 - (C) Your favorite video game with visuals and instructions how to play it.
- The Following tasks will be performed on site on the day of the competition:
 - Layout and Pre-Flighting – the re-creating of a design using appropriate page layout software and ensuring its suitability for print output.
 - Performing a production planning exercise to determine the best approach for production of a specific job.
 - Taking a graphic arts knowledge test.
 - Finishing-the operation of a paper cutter and a basic fold on a folding machine.

Contestant Must Bring:

- **USB Jump Drive for Storage of Completed Artwork**
- **InDesign Project completed in advance of competition day**

Supplied for Contestant:

- Mac & PC computers with *Quark 6 & InDesign* for printing the files
- Colored Laser Printer
- Paper Cutter
- Shrink Wrap
- Folding Machine
- All hand tools
- All supplies

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