

**REGISTRATION & CONTEST
INFORMATION**



NHD-OC Contest

March 9, 2024

**Hosted by the Orange County
Department of Education
at**

**Sierra Vista Middle School
2 Liberty, Irvine 92620**

Registration Deadline: Tuesday,
January 23, 2024





★ Welcome

Congratulations, you have been selected to represent your school at the 2024 NHD-OC Competition! We encourage you to use the time prior to the contest to fine-tune your entry. Remarks from your coach are valuable resources as you prepare your entry for the county contest.

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Location: Sierra Vista Middle School
2 Liberty Irvine, CA 92620

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★ Competition Schedule

2024 NHD-OC
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

7:30 – 8:00 am JUDGE CHECK-IN

8:00 – 9:00 am SCHOOLS MAY SET UP IN COURTYARD SET UP FOR EXHIBITS AND POSTERS - **Setup must be complete by 9:00 am**

8:00 – 9:00 am JUDGES' ORIENTATION

9:30 – 11:30 am MORNING JUDGING

- Elementary Posters
- Jr. Documentaries
- Sr. Documentaries
- Jr. Exhibits
- Sr. Exhibits
- Jr. Performances
- Sr. Performances
- Jr. Websites
- Sr. Websites
- Elem / Jr / Sr Podcasts

FINALS ROUND JUDGING will occur immediately following preliminary round judging (only performance students are present during finals round judging.)

* **10:30 am** Poster public viewing – Poster Hall (time approximate)

* **12:00 pm** Exhibit public viewing – Exhibit Hall (time approximate)

* **1:00 pm** NHD-OC SCHOOL RECOGNITION – Courtyard

* **1:15-2:00 pm** FINALIST ANNOUNCEMENTS and AWARDS – Courtyard

- Elementary Division Awards
- Junior and Senior Division Finalists
- Judges' Choice Awards

EXHIBIT REMOVAL – Immediately following announcements

- Pick Up Exhibits, Remove All Remaining Projects

*TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE DUE TO THE DYNAMIC NATURE OF THE COMPETITION.



★ Key Dates

<p>January 16, 2024 Wednesday</p>	<p>NHD-OC Regular Registration Opens Student Fee \$60 (per student)</p>
<p>January 23, 2024 Tuesday (by 11:59PM)</p>	<p>NHD-OC Regular Registration Closes</p> <p>Student Fee \$60 per student To avoid a late fee, students must complete the student Waiver.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If paying by check: Enter the appropriate information in the “Name on Check” and “Check Number” fields OR• Enter the name of the agency paying for you <p>Mail Checks to:</p> <p>OCDE NHD-OC Attention: Lisa Grisotti 200 Kalmus Dr. Costa Mesa, CA 92626</p>
<p>January 24-26, 2024</p>	<p>NHD-OC Late Registration</p> <p>During this period students may register for NHD-OC. The Late Registration fee is \$70 per student</p>
<p>January 26, 2024 Friday (11:59 PM)</p>	<p>NHD-OC Late Registration Closes NO registration will be accepted after this date.</p>

<p>February 20, 2024 Tuesday (9:00 PM)</p>	<p>Project Submission Deadline: The following are due on February 20, 2024.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="433 399 1615 1170"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="433 399 864 511">CATEGORY</th> <th data-bbox="864 399 1193 511">PROJECT DUE</th> <th data-bbox="1193 399 1615 511">WRITTEN MATERIALS DUE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="433 511 864 622">Documentary</td> <td data-bbox="864 511 1193 622">Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1193 511 1615 622">Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="433 622 864 733">Exhibit</td> <td data-bbox="864 622 1193 733">No</td> <td data-bbox="1193 622 1615 733">No</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="433 733 864 845">Performance</td> <td data-bbox="864 733 1193 845">No</td> <td data-bbox="1193 733 1615 845">No</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="433 845 864 956">Podcast</td> <td data-bbox="864 845 1193 956">Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1193 845 1615 956">Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="433 956 864 1067">Poster</td> <td data-bbox="864 956 1193 1067">No</td> <td data-bbox="1193 956 1615 1067">No</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="433 1067 864 1170">Website</td> <td data-bbox="864 1067 1193 1170">Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1193 1067 1615 1170">Yes</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>What if you find new sources after February 20th? If you find additional sources after the submission date, you may give your judges a complete updated document (cover page, process paper, and annotated bibliography) at your interview. You must highlight all additions/ changes to you bibliography.</p>	CATEGORY	PROJECT DUE	WRITTEN MATERIALS DUE	Documentary	Yes	Yes	Exhibit	No	No	Performance	No	No	Podcast	Yes	Yes	Poster	No	No	Website	Yes	Yes
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<p>February 23, 2024 Friday</p>	<p>Student Interview Schedule Posted Check the NHD-OC website - Student & Family page. The schedule will include entry # and interview room, date & time.</p>																					
<p>March 24, 2024 Sunday (9:00 PM)</p>	<p>NHD-CA Finals Registration Deadline</p>																					
<p>June 9 - 13, 2024 Sunday - Thursday</p>	<p>NHD National Contest, College Park, Maryland</p>																					

★ Registration Instructions

Regular Registration Opens in January and continues until January 23rd.

NHD-OC Registration is done through the school and the coach.

Through your school, your coach, and your family you will:

- Provide registration information about you and your entry.
- Provide essential contact and medical information.
- Submit payment for all applicable fees.

Who Must Register:

- All coaches may register up to two entries per category.
- Participating students with a parent/guardian will fill out a waiver. A parent/guardian will be required to enter contact and release information.

For contest information contact:

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(714) 966-4328

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Noteworthy Items:

Individual Entries

If you are entering an individual project, you must attend the contest.

Group Entries

- All group members must attend the contest.
- Each person in a group entry must fill out a waiver individually.

Parent/Guardian Information

Each student will need at least one parent/guardian listed in his/her waiver.

We recommend **not** using a school email. Each student must supply a working email address so that you can receive important information.

Medical Information

Every student registering for the NHD-OC competition must complete this information.

Nominating your Entry for Special Prize(s)

At the NHD-OC contest, a number of organizations and or individuals sponsor prizes that are awarded to the entry that best exemplifies the specific prize criteria. Special prizes are topic-specific. On our [website](#), you can nominate your entry for special awards. Special Awards criteria can be found on our [website](#). **NOTE:** Groups should designate one person to nominate their project.

Refund Policy

If an entry is withdrawing from the NHD-OC contest for any reason, the following Refund Policy will apply:

Registration Fee: If a cancellation request is received prior to or on February 16th, a full refund will be issued. After February 16th, no refunds will be issued.

Cancellation/Refund Requests

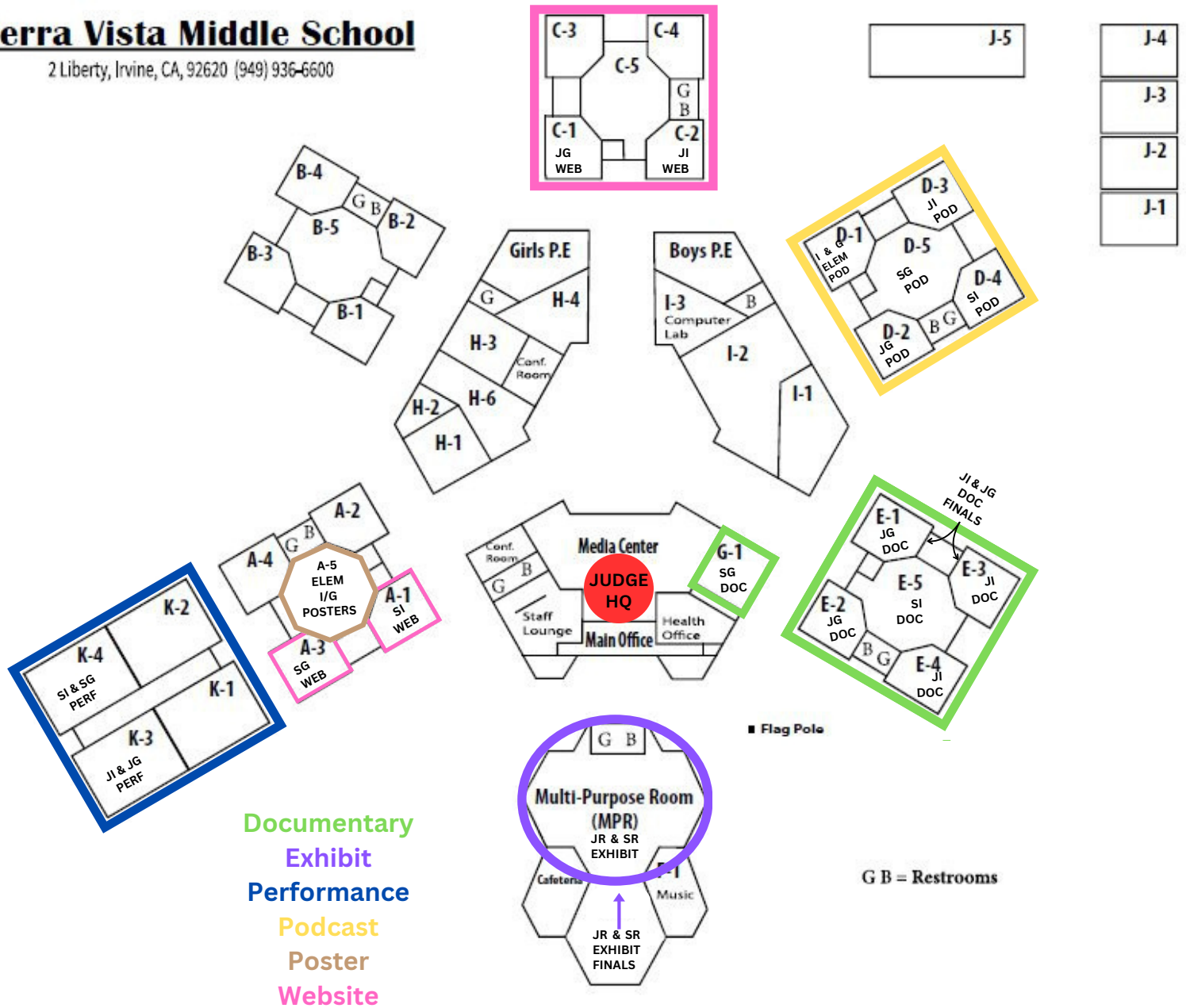
Please e-mail a request for a cancellation/refund to nhdinfo@ocde.us. Please include:

- Subject Line: "NHD-OC Cancellation Request"
 - Address
 - Telephone number
 - Student participant name/s
 - List of charges that were paid
 - How payment was made
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NHD-OC 2024 will be at Sierra Vista Middle School

Sierra Vista Middle School

2 Liberty, Irvine, CA, 92620 (949) 936-6600



Parking Instructions

Parking at Sierra Vista is limited. Please carpool and be courteous if parking on neighborhood streets.

★ Check-In at NHD-OC

Check in with your coach prior to the contest to get your contest materials: name badge, event program, t-shirt, and other contest materials. Students should arrive at the contest at least 15 minutes prior to their interview time. Check with your coach for a meeting place on the day of the contest. Students **do not** need to check in with NHD-OC.

★ Code of Conduct

Students, parents, and teachers are expected to conduct themselves, both in person and online, in a manner that brings credit to themselves and to the schools they represent.

Rules and Policies for NHD-OC Participants

National History Day-Orange County is concerned not only for the safety and well-being of students, but also for upholding the wishes of parents, teachers, school principals, and the many supporters who have a vested interest in the students' participation. To ensure that your day is pleasant and trouble-free, you must observe the following rules:

- You may not physically harm, threaten to harm, harass or bully any person, including provoking and or engaging in physical fights or malicious and harmful behavior.
- Alcoholic beverages or other drugs are prohibited except those prescribed by a doctor.
- Possession of any weapons, firecrackers, or other flammable materials is prohibited.
- You may not tamper with the fire system or fire safety equipment.
- You may not vandalize or damage the competition facilities or other entries.
- Entries that are not appropriate for all ages will be judged, but not in a public setting.



★ Entry Information

ALL ENTRIES

- Each entry will be assigned to a specific room and interview time. The interview schedule will be posted by **Friday, February 23rd** to the NHD-OC Student & Family page of the [website](#).
- Students should arrive at their designated interview location at least 15 minutes prior to their interview time.
- Students should refer to checklists in the [NHD-OC Rule Book](#) to make sure they have completed everything required for their entry.
- If your project advances to a final round, only performance students must be present.

EXHIBIT ENTRIES

- You must bring a physical exhibit to the contest.
- Bring **four** copies of your title page, process paper, and annotated bibliography.
- When you have finished setting up, leave **four** copies at your exhibit and mark one "DISPLAY COPY." You may also want to bring an additional copy for your reference.
- If you are using electrical equipment, you should bring an extension cord. You must request access to an electrical outlet.



DOCUMENTARY ENTRIES

Documentary and written materials must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. PDT, Tuesday, February 20, 2024.**

- Instructions for submission can be found on the Teachers page of the NHD-OC [website](#).
- You do not need to bring ANY equipment. NHD-OC staff will load your documentary on computers that will be in the room you are assigned for your interview.
- Judging in this category includes the presentation of student documentaries to audiences. Students and supporters are invited to watch.
- Students are responsible for starting their documentary from the computer provided. Students can use the first few minutes (as the judges are getting settled) to adjust the volume.

PERFORMANCE ENTRIES

- You must provide ALL equipment and/or props used in your performance entry.
- Students will have five minutes to set up their own props prior to the performance and five minutes to remove items following the interview at the conclusion of the performance. You must be able to set up the props for your performance without the help of others.
- Judging in this category includes the presentation of student performances to audiences. Students and supporters are invited to watch.
- **Students whose entries advance to Finals MUST be present to perform.** There will be no interview during Finals Round Judging.
- Written materials (title page, process paper, and bibliography) should be given to judges before props are set-up (3 copies).

PODCAST ENTRIES

Podcast and written materials must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. PDT, Tuesday, February 20, 2024.**

- Instructions for submission can be found on the Teachers page of the NHD-OC [website](#).
- Podcasts must be audio-only.
- Podcasts require the submission of Show Notes with your written materials.
- You do not need to bring ANY equipment. NHD-OC staff will load your podcast on computers that will be in the room you are assigned for your interview.
- Judging in this category includes the presentation of student podcasts to audiences. Students and supporters are invited to listen. Students are responsible for starting their podcasts from the computer provided.
- **Elementary podcasts:** Awards will be presented at the Finalist Announcements on Saturday. Four entries will be selected to advance to NHD-CA.



POSTER ENTRIES

- You must bring a physical poster to the contest.
- Bring **four** copies of your title page, process paper, and annotated bibliography.
- When you have finished setting up, leave **four** copies at your poster and mark one “DISPLAY COPY.” You may also want to bring an additional copy for your own reference.
- Students are not present at Finals Round Judging.
- Awards will be presented at the Finalist Announcements scheduled on Saturday.

WEBSITE ENTRIES

Be sure to complete and **publish** your final version of your website and upload your written materials by **11:59 p.m. PDT, Tuesday, February 20, 2024.**

- You **MUST** submit your NHDWebCentral URL (website address) 8-digit code to your coach so they can register your entry.
- Your process paper and annotated bibliography must be integrated into your website.
- Please also bring **three** copies of your title page, process paper, and annotated bibliography to your interview for your judges.
- Computers will be provided.
- Judging in this category will include presentation of website to an audience.

HISTORICAL PAPER ENTRIES

Beginning with contests in 2024, registration and submission of all historical papers will follow a different format from other categories. Historical papers will not compete at county contests. Instead, papers will be directly submitted to the state contest by the teacher.

Each school will be allowed to submit up to 3 papers. Please complete the [School Participation Form](#) to let NHD-CA know your school plans to participate.

Please find NHD-CA Historical Paper information [here](#).



★ Frequently Asked Questions

Do all students in a group have to be present at NHD-OC?

Yes, all students should attend the contest and be interviewed.

Do I have to be at the NHD-OC competition the whole time?

No, you must be present for your interview. If you are part of a performance that advances to a final round, you must be present for the final judging.

Can I pick what day my interview will be on?

No, all student interviews will be on the contest day between 9:30 & and 11:30 A.M.

What happens if I am a finalist?

- **Performances:** If you are part of a performance entry, you must be present during the final round of judging to provide judges with your Process Paper/Annotated Bibliography and to perform. There will be no interview during the final round. Your performance will be open to spectators, just as it was during the preliminary judging.
- **All other entry types:** If you have an exhibit, documentary, podcast, poster, or website entry you do not need to do anything. Participants do not attend final rounds.
- **Do I need to be at the Awards Ceremony?**
No. However, we encourage all finalists to attend.

Do students have to bring physical exhibits & posters?

Yes, all posters and exhibits must be physical. No virtual submission will be allowed.

Do coaches have to register for the contest?

All coaches must register themselves and their students using the spreadsheet and Google form.

Do parents/guardians have to register for the contest?

No. Parent/guardian information is submitted as part of the family waiver. A \$10 late fee will be added for waivers received after January 26, 2024.

How is payment made for the contest?

Your school or another agency (district, PTA, etc.) should send registration fee with a list of entries included. This must be done before March 9th deadline.

When can students set up their exhibits?

- Saturday from 8:00 – 9:00 AM

When can students set up their posters?

- Saturday from 8:00 – 9:00 AM

When can posters be removed?

Posters may be removed on Saturday after the Finalist Announcements.

When can exhibits be removed?

Immediately following the finalist announcements.

What are the rules for poster/exhibit set-up?

Adults may help CARRY your project into the display hall and lift it onto the table if necessary. However, students must set up their own exhibit/ poster.

Is there a storage room for performance props?

No, Please bring props to the exterior doors of your contest room when your performance is on deck.

Where do I go to get my entry number?

Entry numbers will be listed in the Interview Schedule which will be posted online on the [Student & Family Page](#) on February 16, 2024.

Do I bring paper copies of my ProcessPaper and Annotated Bibliography if I have a website entry?

Yes, please see the Entry Information on page 12.

How and when do I get my judging sheets?

Judging sheets will be given to your coach after the awards ceremony. You can pick up your judging sheets from your coach.

Can parents and other participants watch an interview?

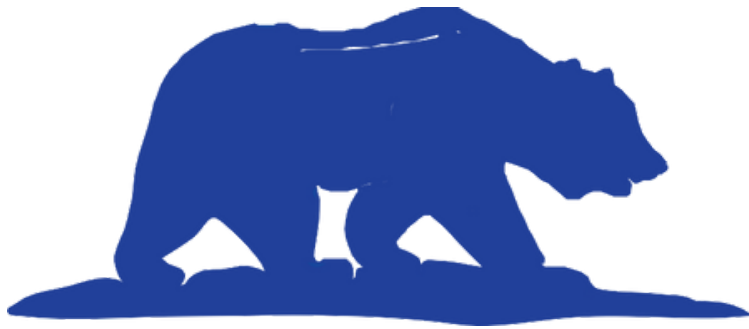
- **Documentary, Podcast, Website & Performance**

Rooms are open to the public (space permitting). Please only enter the room in between scheduled interviews. Phones must be on silent.

- **Exhibit & Poster** rooms are not open to the public. However, the Exhibit/Poster rooms will be open for public viewing for spectators to enjoy the many amazing projects developed by Orange County students.

NHD Theme for 2024





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