

Changes in the Fine Arts Manual 2025 Revision

Level II (see Level II Manual)

- Fees have been updated
- Speech
 - Religious Poetry and Poetry have been combined into Poetry
 - Readers' Theatre was added (page 15)
 - With the addition of Readers' Theatre there is a limitation of group speech events (page 14)
- Music
 - Music styles match with Jr/Sr High Festival rules
 - Add Classical Guitar Solo (page 11; #7 under Instrumental Solos)
- Art
 - Entries must be created since last Elementary Festival (page 18)
 - Mat & mount are considered the same. Mounting should be done using mat board not construction paper
 - Photography mats must be white or off-white (page 22)
 - Photography minimum size has been changed to match the minimum size for Jr/Sr High Festival – 7"X10" (page 22)
 - Mobile device added as a camera type on the Photography Artist Idea Statement
- Academics
 - Tests are for 3rd through 6th grade
 - Spelling Bee
 - Students eliminated after one error
 - Students will not be allowed to write words
 - Clarification of elimination procedures to determine 2nd & 3rd place (page 24)

Level III & IV (see Level III & IV Manual)

- Fees have been updated
- Awards
 - No longer give 4th place for choir, choral group and band
 - Give out an award to the school with the highest points in Bible, Music, Speech, Art and Academics (page 3)
- Artificial Intelligence rules have been adopted (pages 3-4)
- Bible
 - Bible Quiz – updated two-team tie breaker rule (see Bible Quiz procedures)
 - Bible Memory time change (page 9 #10)
 - AI verbiage added for Bible Teaching (page 11) & Bible Preaching (page 11)
- Music
 - Reorganized rules regarding original music, digital music, prohibition of photocopy use, music for facilitating page turns and music for judges. (pages 14 & 15)
 - Check number of copies needed (page 15 & table on page 19)
 - Addition of Classical Guitar Solo (page 16)
 - Instruments/devices allowed in handbell competition clarified (page 18)
 - Limited use of piano in Orchestra/Band (page 18)
 - Reminder: A & AA choral groups, bands and handbell choirs compete together with the top A and top AA groups representing SCACS at Nationals

- Speech
 - Only need one copy for judges
 - Extemporaneous Speaking and Original Persuasive Oratory – can use a 4”X6” card
 - Competitor is encouraged not to introduce himself or his school (page 20 #7d)
 - AI verbiage added for Extemporaneous Speaking (page23) & Original Persuasive Oratory (page 23)
 - Readers’ Theatre and Choric Speaking – rules and judging form provide further clarification of off-stage focus, physical/eye contact between performers (pages 24-25)
- Art
 - Mat & mount are considered the same. Mounting should be done using mat board not construction paper
 - AI verbiage added (page 27)
 - Clarification of copyright/licensed artwork (page 27)
 - Printmaking – updated to allow different types; do not include plate or block (page 29)
 - Sculpture – 3D printing is not allowed (page 29 #2)
 - Knives, swords, bladed weapons should be entered in Crafts. (page 30 #2)
 - Woodworking changed to Wood Furniture and Cabinetmaking
 - Rule clarification (page 30)
 - Use of CNC machine is not allowed (page 31 #4)
 - Need to submit Required Elements Documentation form along with the Artist Idea Statement
 - Digital Media
 - 3D printing not allowed (page 31 #1)
 - File must be in a universal format on a storage device (page 31 #5)
 - Include a process document with Artist Idea Statement (page 31 #6)
 - Garment Construction – do not need to include pattern but include a photo of the pattern (page 32)
 - Photography
 - Clarification of the use of filters (page 32 #1)
 - Mat color must be white or off-white (page 32 #5)
 - Mobile device added as a camera type on the Photography Artist Idea Statement
 - Videography – 2 categories added
 - Submission time frame will be given in February
 - Considered group categories no matter how many participate
 - Note paperwork that needs to be submitted. (page 34 #8)
 - Artwork not picked up at the festival will be charged postage to mail pieces back to the school
- Academics
 - Algebra/Geometry test is divided into 2 categories: Algebra and Geometry
 - Calculator clarifications can be found on page 35 #5.
 - Composition categories – no proctor needed, AI verbiage added, new statement of originality (pages 40-41)
 - Science Fair – paper length changed (5 pages for Level IV and 3 pages for Level III)
 - Spelling Bee
 - Clarification of elimination procedures to determine 2nd & 3rd place (page 39 - 40)

Registration forms and judging forms must have 2025 at the bottom of the page.

The list above is not an all-inclusive list of the changes. Please consult the manual for specifics. Small changes are not listed above (i.e. definitions, clarifications)