

2019 POSTER POETRY & PROSE CONTEST

Green Transportation

Keeping the Air Clean for a Healthy Future!

Run



Walk



Electric & Hybrid
Vehicles



Train

Carpool



Public
Transportation



Ride a Bike

Ride the Bus



Participants: Illinois fifth and sixth graders

Poster Materials: Heavy art paper or poster board no smaller than 8 1/2" x 11" no larger than 12" x 18"

Poetry/Prose Materials: One-sided paper no larger than 8 1/2" x 11" handwritten or typed, minimum of 10pt font

Deadline: Postmarked by February 1, 2019

Sponsored by: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Your poster, poem or prose
could be selected for a statewide exhibit from
April 29 to May 24, 2019 at the Illinois EPA in Springfield!

Use your imagination!

You could win a ribbon, a certificate and an invitation to the exhibit and awards ceremony.

Specific guidelines are available from your teacher.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/education/contest/Pages/default.aspx>

Exhibit Rules for the 2019 Poster, Poetry and Prose Contest:

Green Transportation – Keeping the Air Clean for a Healthy Future!

Theme Focus: How can you and your community make green transportation choices for cleaner air?

Participants: Illinois fifth and sixth grade students

Poster guidelines:

- Heavy art paper or poster board no smaller than 8-1/2" x 11" and **no larger than 12" x 18"**
- Markers, crayons, pens, pencils, paints, or graphics software (two-dimensional media only)
- **Must be own work** (no copyrighted characters)

Poetry/Prose guidelines:

- One page maximum length, one-sided (8-1/2" x 11" sheet)
- Neatly handwritten or typed; minimum 10-point font

NOTE: Each student must submit a brief explanation of his/her intention in creating the work. A release form must also accompany the entry. Only one person per entry (no group projects)

Each student's work will be judged on:

- Originality of concept;
- Originality of execution -- no magazine articles, commercial slogans or copyrighted characters or figures;
- Clear, accurate message;
- Emphasis on the theme focus;
- Neatness/attractiveness, legibility/readability, correct spelling, punctuation and grammar; and
- Effort that was put into the work.

Selection:

- Display all student posters and written works at the school;
- Choose four posters and four written works to represent your school;
- Attach completed identification forms to entries;
- Each entry must include a release form filled out and signed at the time of submission; and
- Entries must be postmarked no later than **February 1, 2019**. Send entries to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Kristi Morris, Education Coordinator
1021 North Grand Avenue East, MC #5
P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

All entries become the property of the Illinois EPA and may not be returned.

Awards:

Each participating student whose work meets the guidelines and size requirements will receive a certificate. Finalists will receive a certificate, a ribbon and an invitation to the awards reception in Springfield. Finalists include top winners, honorable mention and special recognition. There will be twelve top winners (six in each category) whose work will be displayed as such. Awards may be mailed to teachers if students are unable to attend the awards reception in Springfield. **Please note awards are subject to change.*

Green Transportation – Keeping the Air Clean for a Healthy Future!

January 2019	Educators introduce green transportation, how it relates to air quality, and how to choose cleaner, more sustainable options for transportation.
January 14-22	Students create posters or written works relating to the theme focus.
January 23-30	Teachers display posters and poems/prose at their schools. Students and faculty vote to select four posters and four written entries to submit to the Illinois EPA for further judging.
February 1	Teacher/school sends four posters and/or poems/prose to the Illinois EPA; a total of eight entries per school. Entries must be postmarked by February 1, 2019.
February 26	Illinois EPA staff selects top posters and written works for exhibition.
February 27	A panel of outside judges (from local organizations, etc.) selects the top twelve entries.
April 27, 2019	Reception and awards ceremony held in Springfield.
April 29-May 24	Top posters, poems and prose on exhibit at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, Springfield.

All entries become the property of the Illinois EPA. If you have any questions, please contact: Kristi Morris, Education and Outreach Coordinator, at 217/558-7198 or e-mail at: kristi.morris@illinois.gov. For more information or to download the participation packet, please visit the website at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/education/contest/Pages/default.aspx>

Informational resources can be found on the following websites:

- Illinois EPA Bureau of Air: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/air-quality/Pages/default.aspx>
- Illinois Volkswagen Settlement Program: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/air-quality/vw-settlement/Pages/default.aspx>
- IDOT Transportation System Environment: <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/environment/index>
- Department of Energy: <https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/save-electricity-and-fuel/vehicles-and-fuels>
- Ride Illinois bicycle commuting: <http://rideillinois.org/>
- Department of Transportation public transport: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/environmental-programs/transit-environmental-sustainability/transit-role>
- AirNow for Kids: https://airnow.gov/index.cfm?action=aqkids_home.index
- Smog City: <http://www.smogcity2.org/>
- Green Living Tips carpooling: <https://www.greenlivingtips.com/articles/car-pooling-for-the-planet.html>
- Air Quality and Environmental Health: <https://www.environmentalscience.org/ambient-air-quality-and-environmental-health>
- NASA Climate Kids: <https://climatekids.nasa.gov/menu/atmosphere/>
- U.S. EPA, Environmental Education: <https://www.epa.gov/education>; Education: www.epa.gov/students/lesson-plans-teacher-guides-and-online-resources-educators

Poster Entry Identification

PLEASE PRINT OR WRITE CLEARLY. RETURN WITH SCHOOL POSTER ENTRY. 2019

Student: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Parent's E-mail: _____

School: _____ County: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Teacher: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of preferred area newspaper(s) (please include city unless it is part of newspaper's name):

Student's statement about work (in his/her own words): _____

Poem/Prose Entry Identification

PLEASE PRINT OR WRITE CLEARLY. RETURN WITH SCHOOL POEM/PROSE ENTRY. 2019

Student: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Parent's E-mail: _____

School: _____ County: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Teacher: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of preferred area newspaper(s) (please include city unless it is part of newspaper's name):

Student's statement about work (in his/her own words): _____

Appearance and Material Release Form
2019

In consideration that my child (student name), _____, has entered a poster, prose and/or poem in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's *Green Transportation – Keeping the Air Clean for a Healthy Future!* exhibit and said works are the property of the Illinois EPA, I hereby give my consent to the Illinois EPA to publish my **child's name, school, hometown, photo, and creative works** in the Illinois EPA's Internet site, publications and social media for educational, informational, marketing or other purposes deemed necessary.

I hereby waive any right that I may otherwise have to inspect or approve the finished product, or the manner of its use chosen by the Illinois EPA. I also release, discharge and agree to hold harmless the Illinois EPA to whom this consent and waiver is given from any liability by virtue of any blurring, distortion, alteration, or use in composite form, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking of said pictures or in any processing, or in the publication and distribution. I understand that I shall receive no compensation whatsoever in connection with the foregoing, beyond my child's opportunity to participate. I hereby waive all rights of privacy in connection with the use of my child's name, school, hometown, photo, or creative works. I also waive any and all rights, whether explicit or implied, in the material and consent without reservation to the Illinois EPA using, distributing or otherwise making available the material to other parties as it sees fit.

Parent or legal guardian must complete and sign below:

Parent Name (please print) and contact number or email

Address (please print)

Signature _____ **Date** _____