SEDGWICK COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2027 CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** The 2027 Conservation Poster Contest is open to students in **Kindergarten through 6th grade.**

2. **CATEGORIES**: K-1st grade, 2nd-3rd grade, and 4th-6th grade

3. **SUBJECT MATTER:** The national contest theme is **"From Source to Sea: Every Drop Has a Journey."**. **For your poster to place at state** or national competition this **theme needs to be on the poster** in some manner.

4. **ENTRIES:** Carefully & clearly print your information on an identification tag on the back of the poster. **NO IDENTIFICATION IS TO BE ON THE FRONT OF THE POSTER.**

5. **DEADLINE:** Entries must be turned in to your school by **Friday, September 24, 2027.** Your classroom may have an earlier deadline so please check with your teacher.

6. **EXHIBITION AND AWARDS:** All entries will be displayed and students with winning entries will be recognized at the Annual Meeting of the Sedgwick County Conservation District in February of 2028. Award winners will be notified by mail, prior to the meeting. The 1st place poster will be sent on to the state competition this fall.

7. **Prizes in each category:** 1st place: $25, 2nd place: $15, 3rd place: $10

8. **POSTER RULES:**
   A. Posters shall be on suitable paper, **8 X 11 up to 12 X 18 inches**, and arranged for **HORIZONTAL DISPLAY ONLY**.
   B. Posters may be done in pencil, pen, paint, watercolor, charcoal, crayon, or marker & can include stickers, cut paper, printed photos, etc. Posters will be handled and displayed several times and must hold together.
   C. Do not tightly roll or fold the poster.
   D. **NO GLITTER**

9. **JUDGING:** The judges will select winners according to the score sheet as follows:

   A. Conservation Message……50%
   B. Visual Effectiveness ……30%
   C. Originality……..10%
   D. Universal Appeal……..10%

My classroom's due date for returning the posters to school is:

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TIPS TO HELP CREATE A WINNING POSTER

- Research the topic
- Brainstorm ideas and make a list
- Decide on information to include on the poster
- Sketch out your idea
- Mark guidelines for lettering (lightly)
- Include a brief, catchy message; one theme that can be read in 10 seconds
- Use colors to get and hold attention
- Use letters large enough to be easily read.
- Don’t use too many words. Use a combination of pictures and words
- Be as neat as you can
- Make sure the poster is balanced
- Clean up the poster so it is neat. Erase any guidelines that are showing