



RESEARCH THE POSSIBILITIES....
THE TWELFTH ANNUAL
NCSSSMST STUDENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM
June 2-5, 2005

POSTER GUIDELINES

Teacher/Advisor Information

The annual NCSSSMST Student Research Symposium is primarily designed to serve as a showcase of exemplary student research from the member schools. Please be sure that your students are prepared to describe their hypotheses, research design, findings and conclusions. Students selected to attend are expected to arrive with:

- pre-printed text & graphics to be used in the construction of a display for the poster sessions (*see poster guidelines*)
- Visuals (transparencies or PowerPoint presentations) which will be used to help communicate their projects during the oral presentations.

Villanova University will supply posterboard for the students, projectors, and a PC computer for PowerPoint presentations (no Macintosh availability) so participants will not have to transport these items. Students may wish to bring their laptops. However, they are responsible for their security.

Participant Information

Poster Guidelines:

- Anything attached to the poster should be matted. It is best to bring materials that are already matted and ready to mount.
- Lettering must be standard; no stencil or freehand
- Black, freestanding posterboard (36" X 48") has been generously donated by the Hunt Corporation.
- Each poster must contain the sections shown below. Each section must be clearly labeled but the actual label names are up to you, as each discipline has its own conventions.

Title

Student Name & School

Introduction: Rationale, Null Hypothesis, Assumptions

Methodology: Instrumentation, Overview, Photographs (if appropriate)

Findings: Graphs, Data Tables, Charts, Statistics

Conclusion

Acknowledgement

Please note: Oral presentations are expected to adhere to a similar format.

Tips:

- Keep text to a minimum (try to achieve the lowest ink to data ratio.)
- Consider use of bullets for clearer presentation of information.
- When using graphs or figures, be sure they are completely and accurately labeled.
- Make the font size large so people can easily see what is being presented.
- Be professional and dress-up.