

2024-25 Competitive Events Guidelines

Digital Animation



Digital Animation provides members with the opportunity to design an animated video. This event is designed to measure understanding and application of basic animation design. This competitive event consists of a pre-judged project and presentation component.

Event Overview

Division: High School

Event Type: Team of 1, 2 or 3 members

Event Category: Presentation

Event Elements: Pre-judged Project and Presentation with a Topic

Pre-judged Component: Video URL due May 13, 2025

Presentation Time: 3-minute set-up, 7-minute presentation time, 3-minute question & answer time

NACE Connections: Career & Self-Development, Critical Thinking, Communication, Leadership, Professionalism, Teamwork, Technology

2024-25 Topic

“Welcome to Our School”: Create an animation that teaches a new student or teacher about your school.

District/Region/Section

Check your District’s Call to Conference for any district-specific information about presentation events.

State

Presentation events will have a 1-minute set-up time. Most presentations will happen in a large ballroom, and all competitors will present in the preliminary round. See below for list of required competition items; Colorado FBLA requires the same items set by National FBLA at our State Leadership Conference. However, Colorado FBLA will not be providing power, a projector, or screen for final presentations.

National

Required Competition Items

	Items Competitor Must Provide	Items FBLA Provides
Preliminary Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technology and presentation items Conference-provided nametag Photo identification Attire that meets the FBLA Dress Code 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table Internet access
Final Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technology and presentation items Conference-provided nametag Photo identification Attire that meets the FBLA Dress Code 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Table Internet access Power Projector with HDMI cord Projector screen

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Important FBLA Documents

- Competitors should be familiar with the Competitive Events [Policy & Procedures Manual](#), [Honor Code](#), [Code of Conduct](#), and [Dress Code](#).

Eligibility

- FBLA membership dues are paid by 11:59 pm Eastern Time on March 1 of the current school year.
- Members may compete in an event at NLC more than once if they have not previously placed in the top ten of that event at NLC. If a member places in the top ten of an event at NLC, they are no longer eligible to compete in that event.
- Members must be registered for the NLC and pay the national conference registration fee to participate in competitive events.
- Members must stay in an official FBLA hotel block to compete.
- Each state may submit four entries.
- Each competitor can only compete in one individual/team event and one chapter event (American Enterprise Project, Community Service Project, Local Chapter Annual Business Report, Partnership with Business Project).
- Only competitors are allowed to plan, research, prepare their pre-judged component. They must also set up their presentation by themselves.
- Each competitor must compete in all parts of an event for award eligibility.
- All members of a team must consist of individuals from the same chapter.
- Picture identification (physical or digital: driver's license, passport, state-issued identification, or school-issued identification) matching the conference nametag is required when checking in for competitive events.
- If competitors are late for their assigned presentation time, they will be allowed to compete with a five-point penalty until such time that results are finalized, or the accommodation would impact the fairness and integrity of the event.
- Some competitive events start in the morning before the Opening Session of NLC. The schedules for competitive events are displayed in the local time of the NLC location. Competitive event schedules cannot be changed.

Recognition

- The number of competitors will determine the number of winners. The maximum number of winners for each competitive event is 10.

Event Administration

- This event has three parts: pre-judged project, preliminary presentation, and final presentation
- Pre-judged Project
 - **Submission Deadline:** A URL of the animated video must be uploaded in the conference registration system by May 13, 2025.
 - Project Specifics
 - The animated video should be no longer than two minutes.
 - All content must be original.
 - Restricted Items: QR codes cannot be included in the project.

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- Competitors must prepare projects. Advisers and others are not permitted to prepare projects. Projects must be original, current, and not submitted for a previous NLC.
- Competitors are responsible for ensuring the URL is viewable by judges. If judges are unable to view the video, the pre-judge score will be zero.
- The project is judged before the NLC.
- Pre-judged materials will not be returned. Projects submitted for competition become the property of FBLA. These projects may be used for publication and/or reproduced for sale by FBLA.
- Preliminary Presentation
 - **Equipment Set-up Time:** 3 minutes
 - **Presentation Time:** 7 minutes (one-minute warning)
 - **Question & Answer Time:** 3 minutes
 - **Internet Access:** Provided (Please note that internet reliability at any conference venue cannot be guaranteed. Always have a backup plan in case internet connections are lost or are unable to connect to your device.)
 - Competitors/teams are randomly assigned to sections.
 - The presentation is judged at the NLC. Preliminary presentations are not open to conference attendees. The presentation will take place in a large, open area, with a booth size of approximately 12' x 12'.
 - The video should be shown to the judges during the presentation.
 - Timing: The presentation time is exclusive to the allotted times. Once the set-up time has been reached, the presentation time automatically begins. The presentation time shall not exceed the stated time, meaning that the set-up and Q&A time cannot be used as presentation time.
 - Technology
 - Competitors present directly from a device which includes a laptop, tablet, mobile phone, or external monitor (approximately the size of a laptop screen). Competitors can present with one or two devices. If presenting with two devices, one device must face the judges and one device must face the competitors.
 - Projectors and projector screens are not allowed for use, and competitors are not allowed to bring their own.
 - Wireless slide advancers (such as a presentation clicker or mouse) are allowed.
 - External speakers are not allowed. Only device audio can be used.
 - Power is not available.
 - Non-technology Items: Materials, notecards, visual aids, and samples related to the project may be used during the presentation; however, no items may be left with the judges or audience.
 - Restricted Items: Animals (except authorized service animals), Food (for display only; may not be consumed by judges during the presentation), Links and QR codes (for display only; cannot be clicked or scanned by judges before, during, or after the presentation)
 - Teamwork: If performing as a team, all team members are expected to actively participate in the presentation.

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- Final Presentation
 - **Equipment Set-up Time:** 3 minutes
 - **Presentation Time:** 7 minutes (one-minute warning)
 - **Question & Answer Time:** 3 minutes
 - **Internet Access:** Provided (Please note that internet reliability at any conference venue cannot be guaranteed. Always have a backup plan in case internet connections are lost or are unable to connect to your device.)
 - An equal number of top scoring competitors/teams from each section in the preliminary round will advance to the final round. When there are more than five sections of preliminary presentations for an event, two competitors/teams from each section will advance to the final round.
 - Final presentations may be open to conference attendees, space permitting. Finalists may not view other competitors' presentation in their event.
 - The video should be shown to the judges during the presentation.
 - Timing: The presentation time is exclusive to the allotted times. Once the set-up time has been reached, the presentation time automatically begins. The presentation time shall not exceed the stated time, meaning that the set-up and Q&A time cannot be used as presentation time.
 - Technology
 - Competitors can present with one or two devices which includes a laptop, tablet, mobile phone, or external monitor (approximately the size of a laptop screen). If presenting with two devices, one device must be connected to the projector or facing the judges and one device must face the competitors.
 - The following will be provided for the final round if it occurs in a conference room: Projector, projector screen, power, and table.
 - Competitors using laptops or other devices that do not have an HDMI port will need to provide their own adapters.
 - It is up to final-round competitors to determine if they wish to use the technology provided.
 - Wireless slide advancers (such as a presentation clicker or mouse) are allowed.
 - Non-technology Items: Materials, notecards, visual aids, and samples related to the project may be used during the presentation; however, no items may be left with the judges or audience.
 - Restricted Items: Animals (except authorized service animals), Food (for display only; may not be consumed by judges during the presentation), Links and QR codes (for display only; cannot be clicked or scanned by judges before, during, or after the presentation)
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Scoring

- The project score will be added to the preliminary presentation score to determine the finalists.
- The normalized project score (using standard deviation) will be added to the final presentation score to determine the top winners.
- The project score will be used to break a tie.
- All announced results are final upon the conclusion of the National Leadership Conference.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

- FBLA meets the criteria specified in the Americans with Disabilities Act for all competitors with accommodations submitted through the conference registration system by the registration deadline.

Recording of Presentations

- No unauthorized audio or video recording devices will be allowed in any competitive event.
- Competitors in the events should be aware FBLA reserves the right to record any presentation for use in study or training materials.

Penalty Points

- Competitors may be disqualified if they violate the Code of Conduct or the Honor Code.
- Five points are deducted if competitors do not follow the Dress Code or are late to their assigned presentation time.

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Digital Animation Pre-Judged Project Rating Sheet

Expectation Item	Not Demonstrated	Below Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Points Earned
Project Usability: Video plays successfully	<i>Media not usable</i>	<i>Media usable but not submitted according to event guidelines</i>	<i>Media usable but not click and play</i>	<i>Media usable on multiple players/browsers</i>	
	0 points	1-9 points	10-16 points	17-20 points	
Project Concept & Design Evaluation: Fully address the concept/topic	<i>Concept and/or topic is not followed</i>	<i>Concept and/or topic not fully developed</i>	<i>Fully addresses the concept/topic</i>	<i>A user with no knowledge of the concept and/or topic can identify topic based on video</i>	
	0 points	1-9 points	10-16 points	17-20 points	
Project Concept & Design Evaluation: Color, contrast, background, typography, sound, and design are appropriate for the concept or topic	<i>No design principles applied</i>	<i>Color, contrast, background, typography, sound and design are distracting or busy</i>	<i>Color, contrast, background, typography, sound, and design are appropriate for the concept or topic</i>	<i>Color, contrast, background, typography, sound, and design enhance the user experience</i>	
	0 points	1-9 points	10-16 points	17-20 points	
Project Concept & Design Evaluation: Graphics are appropriate for concept and/or topic	<i>No graphic design principles applied</i>	<i>Graphics are distracting/busy</i>	<i>Graphics are appropriate for the concept/topic</i>	<i>Graphics enhance the user experience and are consistent throughout the video</i>	
	0 points	1-9 points	10-16 points	17-20 points	
Project Concept & Design Evaluation: Information related to the topic is accurate	<i>Animation video does not incorporate information</i>	<i>Animation video incorporates information but there are no sources or evidence of validity</i>	<i>Animation video incorporates information and backs it up with sources</i>	<i>Animation video incorporates information in an entertaining way that is backed up with sources</i>	
	0 points	1-9 points	10-16 points	17-20 points	
Project Evaluation: Overall quality of elements of animation	<i>Video does not incorporate any elements of animation</i>	<i>Video incorporates basic elements of animation</i>	<i>Video incorporates animation elements that are functional</i>	<i>Video incorporates animation elements that clearly have been designed in multiple ways</i>	
	0 points	1-14 points	15-23 points	24-30 points	
Project Evaluation: Quality of editing and transition	<i>There are no transitions or evidence of video editing incorporated</i>	<i>Transitions exist but are rough and do not flow easily</i>	<i>Transitions flow seamlessly and serve as a logical component of the video</i>	<i>Multiple types of transitions are used and all flow seamlessly</i>	
	0 points	1-12 points	13-21 points	22-25 points	
Project Evaluation: Logical flow of thoughts	<i>Flow of video does not seem logical</i>	<i>Flow does not connect each element of the video</i>	<i>Flow is logical and appears sequenced</i>	<i>Flow is logical including a clear beginning, middle, and end</i>	
	0 points	1-9 points	10-16 points	17-20 points	
Project Evaluation: Video concludes with proper credits and acknowledgement of copyright and sources	<i>Video does not include credits</i>	<i>Video includes credits but they are limited</i>	<i>Video includes credits that recognize the creator, contributors, and acknowledgement of materials used</i>	<i>Video includes credits that recognize the creator, contributors, and includes written acknowledgement of copyright and sources</i>	
	0 points	1-9 points	10-16 points	17-20 points	
Video Time	<i>Video is over 2 minutes</i>		<i>Video is 2 minutes or under</i>		
	0 points		5 points		
Project Total (200 points)					

Name(s):					
School:					
Judge Signature:					Date:
Comments:					

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Expectation Item	Not Demonstrated	Below Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Points Earned
Demonstrates understanding of the event topic and follows guidelines	<i>No understanding of event topic OR incorrect topic used</i>	<i>Understanding of topic inconsistent from video to presentation and one or more guideline not followed</i>	<i>Demonstrates the topic through presentation and followed all guidelines</i>	<i>Demonstrates expertise of the topic through presentation and followed all guidelines</i>	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Describes the development process	<i>No explanation of the development process</i>	<i>Explains the development process but does not share tangible planning documents</i>	<i>Explains the development process and shares tangible planning documents</i>	<i>Explains development process using industry terminology and displays tangible planning documents</i>	
	0 points	1-8 points	9-12 points	13-15 points	
Describes the production process	<i>No explanation of the production process</i>	<i>Explains the production process but does not share tangible planning documents</i>	<i>Explains the production process and shares tangible planning documents</i>	<i>Explains the production process using industry terminology and displays tangible planning documents</i>	
	0 points	1-8 points	9-12 points	13-15 points	
Describes software and hardware used	<i>No explanation of software and hardware used</i>	<i>Explains software OR hardware used</i>	<i>Explains software AND hardware used</i>	<i>Explains software and hardware used as well as alternative options and reasoning for final choice</i>	
	0 points	1-9 points	10-16 points	17-20 points	
Describes animation techniques used	<i>No explanation of animation techniques used</i>	<i>Identifies animation techniques used</i>	<i>Identifies animation techniques used with industry terminology</i>	<i>Identifies and explains animation techniques used with industry terminology</i>	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Provides proper copyright documentation and citing of sources	<i>Sources are not cited</i>	<i>Sources/References are seldom cited to support statements</i>	<i>Professionally legitimate sources & resources that support statements are generally present</i>	<i>Compelling evidence from professionally legitimate sources & resources is given to support statements</i>	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Presentation Delivery					
Statements are well-organized and clearly stated	<i>Competitor(s) did not appear prepared</i>	<i>Competitor(s) were prepared, but flow was not logical</i>	<i>Presentation flowed in logical sequence</i>	<i>Presentation flowed in a logical sequence; statements were well organized</i>	
	0 points	1-2 points	3-4 points	5 points	
Demonstrates self-confidence, poise, assertiveness, and good voice projection	<i>Competitor(s) did not demonstrate self-confidence</i>	<i>Competitor(s) demonstrated self-confidence and poise</i>	<i>Competitor(s) demonstrated self-confidence, poise, and good voice projection</i>	<i>Competitor(s) demonstrated self-confidence, poise, good voice projection, and assertiveness</i>	
	0 points	1-2 points	3-4 points	5 points	
Demonstrates the ability to effectively answer questions	<i>Unable to answer questions</i>	<i>Does not completely answer questions</i>	<i>Completely answers questions</i>	<i>Interacted with the judges in the process of completely answering questions</i>	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Staff Only: Penalty Points (5 points for dress code penalty and/or 5 points for late arrival penalty)					
Presentation Total (100 points)					
Name(s):					
School:					
Judge Signature:					Date:
Comments:					