

Rabies Awareness & Prevention Poster Contest
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Instructions for Teachers

1. High school students may use **non-digital** (traditional) or **digital** (computer) art for this contest. Students should design an educational poster that emphasizes ways to prevent rabies exposures and infections.
2. Please provide students with the “Rabies Awareness and Prevention Poster Contest Information and Instructions for High School Students” located at www.dshs.texas.gov/idcu/disease/rabies/information/contest/. This document provides some background information, content parameters, and guidance for developing a poster. More information on rabies can be found at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention webpage at www.cdc.gov/rabies/ and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) rabies webpage at www.dshs.texas.gov/idcu/disease/rabies/. For additional information about bats, visit the Bat Conservation International webpage at www.batcon.org/.
3. Texas students in high school (grades 9-12) are eligible to participate.
4. Posters must be at least 8½” by 11” and may NOT exceed 11” by 17”. Poster content must be original. Poster submissions should be eye-catching and informative, yet text should be minimal and easily readable. The poster must say something about RABIES!
5. Amazon gift cards (valued at \$100, \$75, and \$50, respectively) will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Prizes will be provided by the **Zach Jones Memorial Fund** – for more information visit www.zachjonesmemorial.com/.
6. Mail **non-digital** art posters to the Texas Department of State Health Services, Zoonosis Control Branch, MC-1956, PO Box 149347, Austin, TX 78714-9347. An entry *form (see below) must be affixed to the back of each poster.
7. **Digital** art posters and all required information must be emailed, in PDF format, to the DSHS Zoonosis Control Branch at The.Vet@dshs.texas.gov. **Posters must be emailed by a school staff member and the following information must be provided:**
 - Subject line should read “rabies poster contest, student last name, first name”
 - Name the PDF file “student last name, student first name” (ex. Smith, John)
 - Include in body of email: 1) full name, grade, and age of student; 2) school name and full address of school; 3) school staff member name, email, and phone number; and 4) principal name, email, and phone number
8. Posters will be accepted any time prior to, but no later than, the **April 7, 2023** deadline.
9. The winning posters will be publicized on the DSHS website. All posters become the property of DSHS. Artwork from top-ranking posters may be used for future state-sponsored educational materials.

***Please tape a completed copy of this entry form to the back of each poster.**

In addition, please write student name and grade on the back of each poster.

Student's Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher's Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

School Principal's Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

School Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

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