

Snead State Region 2 ACTE Fair
2023 Technology Fair Rules

Categories

- Animation
- Audio
- Computer Project Programming
- Digital Art
- Digital Game
- Graphic Design
- Hardware Modification
- Mobile Apps
- Multimedia
- Multi-Dimensional Design/3D Modeling
- Productivity Design
- Robotics
- Video Production
- Website Design 1- Drag and Drop
- Web Design 2- Manual Coding

For specific information about each category, please visit <https://snead.edu/alabama-consortium-for-technology-in-education/the-competition/>.

Awards

Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place within each category at each level. Project categories are further divided into separate individual and group competitions. Group and individual medals will be awarded.

Eligibility

A Project Entry Sheet must be completed for each project entered, whether group or individual. Any group entry must compete at the (grade) level of the oldest member of the group. Groups are made up of no more than two students. **Projects created by larger groups are NOT eligible for ACTE competition under any circumstances.** Only projects that win 1st or 2nd at their regional fair are eligible to attend the State Fair.

The ACTE Technology Fair is open to students in grades 3-12. They are grouped into five levels: Level I (Grades 3 and 4); Level II (Grades 5 and 6); Level III (Grades 7 and 8), Level IV (Grades 9 and 10) and Level V (Grades 11 and 12). **Students in K-2 are not eligible to compete.**

Projects for each category must be unique and may not be entered in more than one category. Projects that were entered in past years and won (1st, 2nd and 3rd place) at a regional fair are not eligible, even if they are substantially changed. There is a maximum number of 2 students for group projects

Students may enter no more than 2 projects. The same student may enter an individual project and be part of a group project within a single category, providing the projects are different either in content or composition. A student may enter no more than two projects in the fair.

A **maximum of only 2 entries per category by individuals and groups (up to 2 individual and up to 2 group projects) for each competition level (1-5) from a school may be entered.** For example, a high school may enter 2 individual student projects in multimedia in level IV (grades 9 and 10) and 2 in multimedia group projects for level IV. The same school can also enter 4 projects (2 individual, plus 2 group) in each level for all the other categories.

Schools are strongly encouraged to hold school-based fairs and select only their best, most representative work, advancing only first and second-place winners to the regional fair.

Home-schooled students are eligible to compete at the regional fairs. Students who are home-schooled but who attend an education facility for common activities should register under the name of that educational facility and follow general school guidelines. Students who are completely home-schooled should be registered by a parent/teacher.

Students must participate in the fair that has been designated for their region. They may not "switch" regions except in cases of "emergency" (school closings, unique conflicts) that have been previously approved by the affected regional fair directors. Students may not "switch" competition categories unless a judge has determined that the project was entered incorrectly at the regional fair. Any questions regarding appropriateness of categories must be resolved by the Regional Fair Director and State Director before finalists enter the State Technology Fair.

All students who participate at the State Fair must have been registered at a regional fair and won (including ties for) first or second place.

Students unable to present their projects, even due to illness, may **NOT** use "proxies". However other members of the original registered group (if a group project) may represent the whole group, even if a member is unable to attend. The missing member must be registered as part of the group at both the regional and state fairs.

Fees

Everyone (students, chaperones, and parents) who participates in the fair will pay a \$15 participation fee. This fee covers the cost of entry in the fair and lunch. Teachers and bus drivers are not required to pay, but will be given a lunch ticket. There is no fee for attending only the awards ceremony.

Tentative Schedule

The tentative schedule for the regional fair day is as follows. All times listed are tentative, based on the flow of the competition.

- 8:00 am - Doors Open
- 8:00 am - 8:30 am - Registration
- 8:45 am - Opening Ceremony
- 9:00 am - Competition Begins
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm - Lunch
- 1:30 pm - Awards Ceremony

Notebooks

Each project requires an accompanying notebook. Please read Notebook Requirements listed under <https://snead.edu/alabama-consortium-for-technology-in-education/the-competition/>

Judging

When their project number is called, students will report to the Check-In Table. Once their project number is checked, a staging table will be available for students to test connectivity before entering into the judging area if needed. Students will then be sent to the Pod Table, where they will be assigned to a Judges' Table. Each project will be judged by two judges working as a team. However, judges will submit separate score sheets. The student(s) have approximately 10 minutes to present their project to both judges at the same time, including the judges reviewing the notebook and asking questions. This time will be strictly enforced due to the number of projects that need to be judged. Students are responsible for presenting the project and project notebook. Students should be prepared to share their information with the judges and discuss what they have learned. After the project has been judged, student(s) will return to the seating area.

The presentation should be loaded on a portable device, such as a notebook computer or iPad, and brought to the judges' table by the students. Parent(s) and/or teacher(s) may watch the presentation, but are not allowed to interact with the students or judges while the project is being judged. Judges will have their own set of earbuds to listen to projects with an audio component.

If your school does not have a laptop or iPad that can be used, simply let us know and we will have one available for your use. You then would simply bring your project on a USB drive.

Schools are NOT allowed to bring in desktops for their presentations. All projects must be loaded on a portable, battery powered device or, if the school does not have a laptop or iPad, on a USB drive. Be sure to export any videos so that they are in standardized format and may be played on the device you bring.

State Fair Information and Registration

Please refer to the [ACTE Website](#) for State fair registration and competition dates.

Registration

Registration for the Snead Region 2 fair will take place using the following procedures (Next Page).

Snead State Community College Region 2 ACTE Fair
Registration Instructions

Thank you for your interest in registering for the 2022 Snead Region 2 ACTE Fair. All the required registration forms are enclosed. Please follow the steps listed below to assure that all registration requirements are complete.

STEP ONE: Due NO LATER THAN Friday, Feb 3, 2023

These items must be sent to the address below or emailed to ACTERegion2@snead.edu **NO LATER THAN Tuesday, Feb 3, 2022:**

- School Master Registration Form
- Project Entry Sheets

STEP TWO: Within three days of receipt of registration

Snead Region 2 ACTE will, within three days of receipt, email each registered school a confirmation list showing their registered projects.

STEP THREE: Due NO LATER THAN Friday, February 10, 2023

- Each sponsor should check for errors and omissions and provide corrections and/or changes (via email) no later than **4:00 pm on February 8th, 2022.**
- This is the FINAL OPPORTUNITY to make any changes, substitutions, or corrections on your entries.

STEP FOUR: Takes place on Fair Day: Friday, March 10th, 2023

On the date of the fair, one teacher from each school must check in at the registration desk and:

- Turn in Liability and Photo Release Forms for EVERYONE (students, teachers, chaperones, bus drivers, etc.) participating.
- Pick up your school's registration packet, which will contain the following items:
 - Wrist bands to identify everyone registered for the event
 - Event map
 - Lunch Instructions

Deadlines are absolute. Late registrations or changes beyond the final deadline of February 10, 2023 at 4:00 pm CDT will not be accepted.
