

Display Board Criteria



Display board judging is based on thoroughness and creativity; judges will evaluate each board according to the rubric as well as the depth of explanation provided by the inventor.

In 2021, because of the need for virtual learning, digital display boards such as powerpoints or flipgrid will be accepted if they are submitted as a PDF. We encourage all student inventors who are using a PDF to still reference their virtual display board during their presentation. This special exception will be just for the 2021 US Nationals.

Criteria	Description	Points Possible
Content	<p>Minimal to Average:</p> <p>Includes name of invention, inventor’s name and grade, plus patent status and school/state.</p> <p>Essential design process content (in paragraphs or bullet points): problem statement, brainstorming ideas, test and revise/various iterations and improvements.</p> <p>Above Average to Excellent:</p> <p>Quality of required essential criteria (explained above) is a deciding factor. Contains all essential content but also includes in-depth, thorough descriptions and details (age appropriate).</p> <p>Options for going above and beyond include but are not limited to: pictures, statistics, market potential, depth of the problem, age-appropriate research citations (beyond Google), interviews, analysis.</p>	0-3
Visual Appeal	<p>Minimal to average:</p> <p>Instantly grabs viewer’s attention. All items are spelled correctly, mounted and cut neatly (age appropriate). Uses color scheme. Adds visual appeal. Clean, neat, colorful, eye-catching display.</p> <p>Above Average to Excellent:</p> <p>Unique aspects, original factors making display pop, full of essential content but well-organized and not crowded.</p>	0-2

Process

- Judges will score boards using the criteria above on a 5-point scale.
- Boards that receive a 5 will be reviewed by the Judging Committee and a winner selected.

