

DTASC TECH VIRTUAL FESTIVAL GUIDELINES

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR VIRTUAL TECH ENTRIES

Reminder: Social Distancing Practices are required.

Designs will be done online.

Each Kid-Friendly (KF) tech packets have lists of software students can consider using.

Notebooks with all required components must be included, page by page.

All presentations must be turned into videos of 8 minutes or less.

Tech entries may be edited.

Making a really good tech video

- DTASC will notify your teacher about recording your presentation and submitting it. Check with your teacher before creating your video.
- For tech, we **strongly encourage you to edit your video!** Here's why:
 - ✓ **Bring your designs to life for the judges.**
 - ✓ Use voice overs as you highlight your designs.
 - ✓ Show some of your research photos as you're discussing your research.
 - ✓ DTASC will supply a list of software programs that should help you edit. You may ask for help from anyone at your school or in your immediate family.
- Some tips for recording video:
 - ✓ Each presenter can be filmed at home, doing their part of the presentation.
 - ✓ Filming of presenters does not have to be done all at the same time – each will be done individually, and you can re-film segments if necessary.
(NOTE: To avoid distracting judges, the presenter should be in the same place wearing the same thing each time.)
 - ✓ Tech is allowed to re-record segments if necessary, so you can make everything as perfect as possible before you submit.
- Things you need to include:
 - ✓ All mandatory components for your tech event.
 - ✓ Your Notebook, with Concept Paper and Research, Checklist and Verification, Expenditures, page by page, for the judges to review.
 - ✓ Include a list of the pages, in the order you're showing them, right after your title page, to help the judges access your information.

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- The order things go in:
 - ✓ First, your 8-minute presentation, which requires speaking.
 - ✓ Then, a second of blank screen and silence as a transtion.
 - ✓ Next, your Notebook, with Table of Contents, Concept Paper and Research, Checklist and Verification, Expenditures, page by page, for the judges to review.
 - ✓ No speaking is needed for the Notebook.
- Make it interesting:
 - ✓ Notebook pages can be shown onscreen, or turned into PowerPoint, or presented in whatever creative manner you come up with.
 - ✓ When you show anything on screen, make it large enough for the judges to see. The material could be one place with someone holding a video camera steady on it, and the person doing voice over could be somewhere else.
 - ✓ If you are including answers to judges' possible questions, include enough info from the question so they'll understand the answer.
- Reminder: Once you submit your entry to DTASC, there is no do-over, no matter what mistake you suddenly discover.
 - ✓ Check the video carefully before you give it to your teacher.
 - ✓ Have your teacher check the video before submitting the entry.
- Work out your video plan
 - ✓ Decide who is filming each part of the video presentation, who is doing the editing, and what your plan for the video is.
 - ✓ Try filming segments of the video early so you can see what changes need to be made – better acting voice? better way of showing material in video? better lighting?
 - ✓ Remember, judges need to be able to see clearly what you're showing, and to hear what you have to say.