Westchester-Rockland
Junior Science and Humanities Symposium
Call for Papers

WR-JSHS Timeline

October 21, 2016, 4 pm: Online registration for school and students closes.
November 22, 2016: Postmark deadline: 1 package per school including: payment ($30.00 per speaker/competitive poster entrant), all required forms and materials for each participant
Late December: Students and teachers notified if speaker or poster
February 4, 2017: WR-JSHS Symposium (snow date Feb. 5th)

Guidelines for Applying to WR-JSHS

School and Student Registration October 21, 2016 deadline:
Teachers submit online a single school registration form as well as individual student registration forms.

a. **Only seniors may enter as a speaker,** all other may enter as a competitive poster presenter, or a display poster presenter. The teacher should indicate the appropriate choice on the school application.

b. **School Limit of 10 Juniors/school for competitive poster**

c. Abstracts and student applications are not required at this time.

- **School registration form** – school and teacher information
  https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzPx7EOedLTRYz90aBfWwQz2P06FmvhpzPcwpxTM6O10VJwA/viewform
- **Student registration form** – register students individually
  https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeBaD1q0bJx9uQc3SiP22TzXIGuFZvFqchtQl4jGcRZbhaHQ/viewform

d. Once registration closes, a spreadsheet of your registered students will be sent to you. You will not be able to see or print the form at this time

**Speakers and Competitive Poster Presenters must have original data to present.** Students in these categories must have completed an original piece of research including data collection, analysis and conclusion. Presenting the mentor’s data will result in disqualification.

If a student does not have data and analysis, he or she may enter as a display poster.

**No Original Data=Display Poster**

**For the November 22nd Paper deadline:** Fees ($30.00 per speaker/competitive poster), papers, certifications. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered! All certifications must be included with the paper to be considered for speaker!

- **Only JSHS Scientist Certification will be accepted for WR-JSHS**
- **JSHS Teacher Certification is required for all Upstate JSHS competitors.** You are strongly encouraged to use the JSHS Teacher Certification (as this is required if a student moves on to compete in Albany), but a signed Regeneron STS Teacher Recommendation form may be used for WR-JSHS--you would then need to provide the JSHS Teacher
Certification for your students moving onto the state competition at the same time the papers are submitted electronically—48 hours following WR-JSHS—or your student would be disqualified. Plan ahead!

- The certification forms are available here: [http://www.albany.edu/jshs/index.shtml](http://www.albany.edu/jshs/index.shtml)

**Requirements for Speaker Presenters (seniors only):**

- $30.00
- 5 abstracts in the correct JSHS format, there is no student application—that was done online in October.
- One copy of the paper, formatted for JSHS and including student, scientist and teacher certifications, bound with a staple. This is the paper that will be made available for judges.
- Bind these items together and in order (5 separate abstracts, paper) with a large paperclip or metal clasp or place in a folder.
  - Here is the link to info about paper format and submission: [http://www.albany.edu/jshs/](http://www.albany.edu/jshs/)—but you **NOT** need to bind it in a plastic cover—please use one staple.

Incomplete or improperly formatted papers will not be considered and will result in a disqualification from the speaker category!

**Competitive Poster Presenters**

- $30.00
- One completed abstract in JSHS format.
- One copy of the paper, formatted for JSHS. Certifications are **NOT** required for competitive poster.

**Display Poster Presenters**

- Display poster presenters should submit one abstract in JSHS format. No fee for display.

**Speaker Selection in Early-Mid December**

Papers are evaluated by the committee in early December.

- Projects are evaluated for
  - completeness
  - teacher certification/recommendation/evaluation (STS teacher form is acceptable)
  - mentor (scientist) certification/recommendation/evaluation/significance of research (JSHS form only)
    - quality and quantity of data
    - presentation of data
    - overall quality of the research report
- There are a limited number of spots available due to
  - restrictions from Albany on number of students we can send to the state competition
  - the number of presentations that can physically be judged in one day.
    - The exact number of rooms is determined the number of students applying in each category.
2. Please know that the committee spends many hours making a fair and balanced schedule that will give as many students as possible the chance to compete and move forward.

**Speakers Notified**
Speaker Presenters will be notified in late December. Speakers will present a twelve (12) minute power point presentation. Speakers must bring a copy of their power point presentation on flash drive – Windows compatible, and in PowerPoint. Students should also upload the presentation to an electronic drop box or have it in an email.

Students arriving on the day of the competition without a power-point presentation will be disqualified.

If a student is not selected to be a speaker, he or she is automatically put into the competitive poster category. Poster presenters present a poster. If a student chooses to withdraw from the poster competition, please contact Janet Longo-Abinanti at jlongoabinanti@tufsd.org.

**February 4, 2017: The Symposium**
Students competing as speakers who place 1\textsuperscript{st} or 2\textsuperscript{nd} in a room qualify to compete as speakers in Albany, and have a chance to move on to the National JSHS Competition.

Students competing as speakers who place 3\textsuperscript{rd} or 4\textsuperscript{th} in a room qualify to compete as Poster Presenters in Albany and a chance to win fabulous prizes.

Students who competed as Competitive Posters at WR-JSHS do not move on to Albany, but there are prizes for the students.

Display Posters are not competing, but have the chance to display posters and discuss the research. There is an award for the most promising display poster project. The process for selection is undergoing revision to avoid a repeat of stuffing the ballot box.

If you have questions or need help with the process, please contact Ann Marie Lipinsky at alipinsky@klschools.org.