Sustainability

2026 POSTER CONTEST

CONTEST FOCUS

The Sustainability and Compliance Team's (SCT) annual poster contest aims to raise awareness about the importance of environmental sustainability, energy conservation, waste reduction, and responsible recycling. All entries should clearly focus on one or more of these areas.

ELIGIBILITY AND ARTWORK

All Montgomery County Public Schools elementary, middle, and high school students and staff are eligible to enter the sustainability poster contest. Art must be the original work of a student or staff member and must not contain any copyrighted elements. Artwork should be work that the artist has created alone; group projects are not permitted. Posters should be no smaller than 8.5" x 11' and must not exceed 18" x 24" in size. Digital art, meaning art that is created on a computer, is permitted only in the digital art category. Posters should feature an actionable message.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All entries must be accompanied by the official contest entry form, which can be found online at www.MCPSsustainability.org or the QR code below. Student entry forms must be approved and signed by the student's parent or guardian and the school principal. Staff entries do not require approval.

Three entries per grade level per school will be accepted. Schools are asked to hold preliminary competitions and submit their best three entries to DSC. Student and staff entries may be mailed to DSC via Pony or First-Class Mail, or delivered by hand. All submissions must be delivered to DSC on/before **April 3, 2026** to:

Montgomery County Public Schools
Sustainability and Compliance Team
Sustainability Poster Contest
45 West Gude Drive, Suite 4000
Rockville, Maryland 20850

ENTRY FORM

Digital art and entry forms should be emailed to sustainability@mcpsmd.org with the subject line "2026 Poster Contest." Upon submission, all entries become the property of MCPS. Artwork and artist information may be used by MCPS and/or Montgomery County Government in public awareness campaigns. SCT will not be responsible for lost or damaged artwork.

PROCESS FOR JUDGING

Entries will be go through two rounds of judging. Entries that pass the initial evaluation will then be judged online. All MCPS students and staff will be invited to participate in the final round of judging. Details for the online poll will be sent to schools along with instructions for judging the entries. An MCPS Google login will be required to cast your online vote. Contest winners will be announced before the school year ends.