



Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Rules and Regulations 2025-2026

Eligibility

All students must meet the following rules:

- All students must be United States or Canadian citizens and living within the United States or Canada, U.S. Territories, or a Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) school abroad, and enrolled full-time in a public, private, parochial, virtual school, or home school.
- Students must be younger than 21 years of age.
- National Science Teaching Association employees, NSTA board members, ExploraVision judges and their respective families are not eligible to enter the competition.
- Any student who was a regional or national finalist in ExploraVision can only compete in subsequent years with a new team — i.e., with students who have not previously been an ExploraVision regional or national finalists.
- Students enter as a team of 2-4 students with a teacher/coach and optional mentor (no individual entries).
- Students may only submit one project per year. However, each teacher/coach can participate in multiple projects per year.

All coaches must meet the following rules:

- A coach must be at least 21 years of age.
- Coaches may be one of the following: a teacher, coach, counselor, leader in a youth organization, or parent/guardian.
- A coach must know at least one student on the team.
- A coach cannot be a judge in the same competition year.

All projects must meet the following rules:

- Any project that has won at ExploraVision's regional and/or national level may not be resubmitted in future years.
- Any project previously awarded a prize in another competition may not be submitted.
- AI and the tool ChatGPT may be used to brainstorm and/or research your project ideas. These should be used as a tool, but not as the only resource for your project. Any information generated by these resources must be included in the bibliography with the proper citations from the original resources



For more information, please visit our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page.

Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Requirements

Categories

Each team must choose the appropriate category, the oldest student on a team determines the category. Each category will be judged separately based on the abilities of students in those grades. ExploraVision has four categories:

- Primary Level (Grades K – 3)
- Upper Elementary Level (Grades 4 – 6)
- Middle Level (Grades 7 – 9)
- High School Level (Grades 10 – 12)

Project Requirements

Each complete project must consist of:

- A title (50 characters max).
- An [abstract](#) (150 words max.)
- The [project description](#) (11 pages max.)
- [Bibliography](#)
- Five [sample Web pages](#)
- The coach submits a team's project online before the deadline of 7:00 PM ET, February 3, 2026. *

Please follow the guidelines in the [project format](#) section listed by grade level category.

Submission materials will not be returned. Please retain a copy for your records. You may photocopy any part of the submission materials.

*If there is a critical online issue, please contact exploravision@nsta.org immediately.

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