



EPISD Student Film Festival Official Rules

The El Paso Independent School District Student Film Festival is a chance for students in the El Paso Area to take their storytelling skills to a new level by creating new, fresh and original films in digital format.



Festival Rules:

* Please go over all the rules with your students. Most of the disqualifications of films for the EPISD Film Festival have been copyright violations, not citing sources and entries over three minutes in length.

1. Students in Region 19, grades K-12 are eligible to participate.
2. Students may submit individual or collaborative projects. Students may enter no more than three entries either as an individual or collaboratively.
3. School age students must be the primary script writers, videographers, artists, editors, and producers of the film entry. Parents/Teachers may guide, give advice, mentor, teach, and help during the process of creating the film.
4. Films must include digital video, stop-motion or animation. With the exception of K-2 films, picture slide shows that do not tell a story and are rendered as films will be disqualified. Movie trailers can have a combination of video and still photos but cannot strictly contain still photos. Judges decisions are final.
5. All films must be suitable for viewing by a family audience and appropriate for school. Any film containing inappropriate language, music (including background music, environment music or sounds), or content will be disqualified during judging.
6. Students must follow copyright rules. Proper permission and citation is required in the film credits. For example, students may not use more than 10% or 30 seconds (whichever is less) of copyright music in their film. ALL music and photos must be cited in the credits. For the convenience of judging, original photos and music should be cited to avoid questions of authenticity. For more information about copyright, visit http://www.umuc.edu/library/libhow/copyright.cfm#multimedia_students.
7. **Films may be no longer than 3 minutes. (That includes open and credits.)**
8. All films created in languages other than English, should contain English subtitles.
9. Entries must be in the following acceptable format: **mov, mp4, m4v, wmv.**
10. All entries must be viewed and approved by a campus teacher/sponsor. Make sure everything is finalized (the audio and video play, etc.) and the video is of the appropriate length when it is submitted. The entry will not be evaluated for you prior to the judging.

11. Each entry must have the campus teacher/sponsor complete the Participation Form at <http://tinyurl.com/EPISDfilmfestival> as soon as possible and no later than **March 10, 2017**.
12. All forms must be submitted in a complete packet. The packet should include the EPISD Film Festival Entry Form, signed Official Rules/Photograph & Video Release form for each student film maker responsible for creating and or appearing in the film (i.e. Animations/Claymation do not require a photo release form). Forms will be available at <http://episddigitalfilmfestival.weebly.com/>. Forms must be submitted via district mail, or scanned and emailed no later than **Friday, April 24, 2017**.
13. All videos will be uploaded by the Sponsor Teacher to the EPISD Film Festival File Folder On-Line. Please save your film the with **school, last name of teacher/sponsor, and name of film** – “Chapin Roach - I Love Filmmaking”. The sponsoring teacher will receive upload instructions after **March 10, 2017**. All films must be uploaded by **April 24, 2017**.
14. Once submitted, EPISD Instructional Technology has the right to publish the movie on their website and may reuse it if for instructional purposes.
15. All films will be posted on the EPISD TV Studio's You Tube Channel for public viewing. Select films will be show cased at the 2017 EPISD Student Digital Film Festival on May 19, 2017. All decisions made by the judges are final.

Categories

1. Animation/Claymation - These videos involve the use stop motion photography, cartoon animation, and Claymation (an animation process using clay or figures that are moved and filmed using stop-motion photography to create a life like look).
2. PSA/Commercial/NewsCast –These are commercial, public service announcements, and news videos. These videos are primarily nonfiction style films. The actual news story, product advertised, or person/character talked about may also be fictional.
3. Digital Story/Documentary-These videos include nonfictional stories to document aspects of reality, primarily for the purposes of instruction or maintaining a historical record/fictional/narrative filmed stories. Can include comedies, drama, action, mystery and other fictional genres. Do not submit animated films in this category.
4. Movie/Book Trailer- Movie/Book trailers are "teasers" for a movie/book. A movie/book trailer can either advertise an existing movie/book (with student actors) or a fake movie/book. Trailers should look similar to the type of preview you would see before watching a movie in a theater.
5. Music Video (Secondary ONLY) – These are videos of musical groups of any kind that tell a story with their ORIGINAL song. Any combination of instruments or items that are used to make noise can be part of the video. Dancing and use of props are also allowed and encouraged.

Awards

Awards for will be given to the following age groups from the categories above.

Elementary K-2

Elementary 3-5

Middle School 6-8

High School 9-12

Best of Show – Elementary K-5

Best of Show – Secondary 6-12

DEADLINES

March 10, 2017 – Participation Form Submitted at <http://tinyurl.com/EPISDfilmfestival>

April 24, 2017 - Entry Packets (Cover Sheet, Official Entry Forms, Video Release Forms with Parent Signature) have been mailed/emailed.

April 24, 2017 - Films have been uploaded to EPISD's Film Festival File Folder

May 19, 2017- EPISD Student Digital Film Festival will be at TBA. The festival will begin at 6:00



EPISD Digital Film Festival **Photograph & Video Release Form**

I hereby grant permission to the rights of my image, likeness and sound of my voice as recorded on audio, video or digital equipment without payment or any other consideration. I understand that my image or my child's image may be edited, copied, exhibited, published or distributed and waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of my image or recording. I also understand that this material may be used in diverse educational settings within an unrestricted geographic area.

Photographic, audio or video recordings may be used for but are not limited to the following purposes:

- conference presentations
- educational presentations or courses
- informational presentations
- on-line educational courses
- educational videos
- posted on-line (EPISD TV Studio YouTube Channel, EPISD website)

By signing this release I understand this permission signifies that photographic or video recordings of me or my child may be electronically displayed via the Internet or in the public educational setting.

There is no time limit on the validity of this release nor is there any geographic limitation on where these materials may be distributed.

This release applies to photographic, audio or video recordings collected as part of the sessions listed on this document only.

By signing this form I acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understand the above release and agree to be bound thereby. I hereby release any and all claims against any person or organization utilizing this material for educational purposes.

I have read the rules of the EPISD Student Digital Film Festival and agree to abide by them. My entry is an original production and has not been copied from any other work. I understand that the decisions of the judges are final. I hereby give my child permission to participate in the EPISD Student Film Festival. .

DO NOT LEAVE ANY FIELDS BLANK. Failure to completely fill out the forms will disqualify the entry from competition.

If you have any questions please contact:

John Roach, EPISD Instructional Technology Specialist, jdroach@episd.org

Title of Film: _____

Campus: _____

Student Printed Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Printed Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher/Sponsor: _____