

## Stanislaus County History Day

### Fact Sheet

#### **What is it?**

As part of National History Day (NHD), Stanislaus County History Day (SCHD) allows students to participate in authentic, challenging, project-based learning that encourages students to become historians. Students select topics and research them as historians would – by using libraries, archives, museums and oral history interviews. Their analysis and interpretations come together with the facts and evidence they've gathered to become their final projects.

#### **Who can participate?**

SCHD is open to students in grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (see divisions below) from any public or private school in Stanislaus County. All students must have a coach from their school and register at [www.scoestudentvents.org](http://www.scoestudentvents.org). History day has three divisions:

- Elementary – grades 4 - 5
- Junior – grades 6 - 8
- Senior – grades 9 - 12

#### **Categories**

Students may participate as individuals or in groups of two to five students. Below are the six contest categories students may use to develop their project:

- Poster (4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade only)
- Documentary
- Exhibit
- Historical Paper (Individual entries only)
- Performance
- Website

#### **History Day & Common Core**

NHD is a year-long curriculum program for students in grades 4-12. Its methodology includes extensive primary and secondary research into a topic of choice related to an annual theme. Teachers guide students through a project-based learning experience, which pulls together Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts, especially the appendix outlined as Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects, in a meaningful and coherent fashion. NHD is unique in the sense that it requires both informative and argumentative writing of students who conduct research based on their own questions and interests as they relate to the annual theme. For more information on standards comparison, visit the National History Day Website at [www.Nhd.org](http://www.Nhd.org).

#### **Awards:**

Medals will be awarded to first through third place in each category per division.