



Dear Parents and Teachers:

The CT Coalition for Climate Action is pleased to announce the third annual **Climate Change Student Poster Contest!** This is a wonderful opportunity for students to engage creatively with important environmental issues and raise awareness about the impact of climate change on our planet.

As you know, in 2022, Connecticut became one of the first states to include Climate Change Studies (Grades 5–12) as part of its science curriculum in public schools. In celebration, we invite your child to create a poster that highlights the importance of protecting the environment and the role each of us plays in reducing climate change. Posters should be original, colorful, and thought-provoking, and we encourage students to use their imagination to express their ideas. This also makes a great project as a lead up to Earth Day.

NEW FOR 2026: In addition to individual student entries, we are excited to introduce a K–4 Classroom Poster Category, with one poster submission per class. The winning classroom will receive a **\$100 Staples® gift card along with a visit from either Leah Lopez of Save the Sound or Save the Sound's Soundkeeper, Bill Lucy.**

Students and finalists are invited to the judging at the Capitol on Earth Day, April 22nd between 12–2:30pm. Semi-Finalists will be displayed at the state Capitol and the top three individual winners of the Grades 5–12 category will receive scholarships of **\$1000 for first place, \$500 for second place, and \$250 for third place.**

Thank you.

CT Coalition for Climate Action
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STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION



Beginning in July 2022, Connecticut became one of the first states to mandate **CLIMATE CHANGE STUDIES** (Grades 5–12) as part of its science curriculum in public schools.



In recognition of prioritizing climate education, the CT Coalition for Climate Action will host the third annual **2026 Climate Poster Competition**.



Submissions will be accepted through **April 1, 2026**. Posters will be judged by a committee of environmental leaders, legislators and others. **Grades 5–12:** 12 posters will be selected that will be distributed to legislators and available for download to highlight climate issues being studied throughout the state. Top three posters receive scholarships of \$1,000 (1st), \$500 (2nd), and \$250 (3rd). **Grades K–4:** One winning classroom will receive a \$100 Staples® gift card and a visit from either Leah Lopez (Save the Sound) or Save the Sound's Soundkeeper, Bill Lucy.



As part of this project, participants will:

- Learn to summarize information and present it visually on a poster
- Highlight an environmental topic of interest



Deadlines:

- Final poster design and registration form should be emailed as a PDF to CTClimateActionCoalition@gmail.com no later than April 1, 2026 at 5pm.

WHO CAN ENTER?

Any student (Grades 5–12) enrolled in a CT school is eligible to participate. Group projects are also accepted.



NEW: A K–4 Classroom Poster Category is now open to CT schools, with one poster submission per class.



IS THERE A COST?

There is no cost to participate.

HOW WILL THE POSTERS BE EVALUATED?

Participants will be scored on topic, aesthetics, content, and presentation of information.



WHAT ARE THE GUIDELINES?

Posters should be 8.5" x 11" (using any medium). Scan as a PDF at 300 DPI for best quality. Email it to CTClimateActionCoalition@gmail.com for judging.

HOW ARE ENTRIES SUBMITTED?

Interested individuals or classrooms must complete the appropriate registration form and provide, name, address, tel, email, school, age, grade, and teacher sign off. *(K–4 submissions should be entered by a teacher on behalf of the class.)*



Grades 5–12 Student Poster Competition Submission Form

Final poster design and registration form should be
emailed as a PDF to CTClimateActionCoalition@gmail.com
no later than April 1, 2026 at 5pm.

Name:

Street Address:

Apt #:

City/Town:

Zip:

Tel:

Email:

School:

Age:

Grade:

Teacher Sign Off:

Grades K-4 Classroom Poster Competition Submission Form

Final poster design and registration form should be
emailed as a PDF to CTClimateActionCoalition@gmail.com
no later than April 1, 2026 at 5pm.

Teacher Name:

Tel:

Email:

School:

Grade:

Teacher Sign Off: