LAUSD Water Conservation Contest

Do you know California is experiencing its 4th year of drought? Do you know you can be a part of the solution? It's time to get creative on ways to *Save the Drop*! The District is hosting a year-long campaign challenging schools to creatively demonstrate ways to *#SavetheDropLAUSD*

Best Action Plan recognized at every grade level!



Save the Drop Contest Official Rules

Rules:

- The 2016-2017 School Year topic is Water Conservation. The goal is student education and awareness of this critical and current topic.
- The contest seeks input from students on how they save water at their school and in their community.
- The contest is open to students at all grade levels (1-12).
- Student entrants can be teams or individuals.
- Schools must register entrants online by September 16, 2016 at learninggreen.laschools.org/save-the-drop-contest.
- The project scope is broad with the intent to facilitate ideas and execution plans for water conservation and drought response. Projects could include art, photography, media, community projects, games, performance or other. The District's Sustainability Initiatives Unit can provide water use and groundwater infiltration information for school sites.

Entry Format:

Schools must register entrants online by September 16, 2016 at learninggreen.laschools.org/save-the-drop-contest. Details of the projects are not required at that time. Registration is to assist staff to identify participating schools and students and to send additional contest material.

Entries illustrating ideas and execution plans for Water Conservation and Drought Response may include but are not limited to:

- Art/photography/media (artwork, video, music, literary work, performance, etc.)
- Project-based (design, product, community participation, research, etc.)
- Innovation (new concepts, creative tools, ideas, etc.)
- Other

Judging:

• Entries will be recognized for innovation, inspiration, feasibility, educational value, level of school and community engagement, and the artistic interpretation of the water conservation and/or awareness plan or project.

School Level

• On or before November 10, 2016, each entrant school will decide one school winner at each grade participating in the contest. For example, a High School could have one winning entry from each grade 9 through 12 (4 in total). Schools are encouraged to seek sponsorship from their local community to recognize participants and winners.

Local District Level

• On or before December 2, 2016, Local Area District Offices will evaluate the entries selected by each of the schools and choose one winning entrant to represent the Local District at each grade level (1-12). Local Districts are encouraged to seek sponsorship from their area community to recognize participants and winners.

District Headquarters Level

- On or before January 13, 2017, District headquarters in partnership with the City of Los Angeles' Mayor's Office, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and other Community Groups, will choose one winning project at each grade level (1-12), for a total of 12 winners.
- All 12 overall winners will be invited to a recognition ceremony in Los Angeles at a date to be determined.

Prizes:

- Student team members of each registered entrant will receive a Save the Drop pledge bookmark.
- The school of each registered entrant will receive a Save the Drop banner.
- School and Local District level Prizes and recognition to be determined by the schools and/or Local District and community partners.
- Winning art/photography projects will be incorporated into the 2017/2018 Sustainability Calendar. Winning video/print media/projects will be posted at the LAUSD Sustainability Initiatives website, as appropriate.
- Within the 12 District winners, a single winner from elementary, middle and high school will each receive \$50,000 value of a project at their schools and all remaining 9 District winners will receive \$10,000 value of a project at their schools. Winners will also receive other prizes and recognition.