

LaJSHS - Program fact sheet and guidelines for students

LaJSHS – Research Paper Requirements and Guidelines

All National JSHS student presenters must submit an electronic version of their research paper for review by the LaJSHS judging team. Students will submit their abstract and paper as one file during the on-line application process.

The paper should be a minimum of 5-6 pages and a maximum of 20 pages, including appendices.

- **Photography may not be used in the electronic research paper; photography may be used in the oral presentations.**
- **Graphs, tables, diagrams, charts, or other graphic representation should be simple to allow the judges on-line access to the research paper.**
- **A maximum size limit for the electronic research paper is 1.8 Mb.**
- **A recommended outline for the research paper includes:**
 - 1. a title page, or cover page stating the student's name, school address, and title of the research;**
 - 2. acknowledgement of major assistance received;**
 - 3. table of contents;**
 - 4. if applicable, statement that "research involving non-human vertebrates or human subjects was conducted under the supervision of an experienced teacher or researcher and followed state and federal regulatory guidance applicable to the human and ethical conduct of such research";**
 - 5. introduction;**
 - 6. materials and methods;**
 - 7. results (data or findings);**
 - 8. discussion and conclusions;**
 - 9. references, or literature cited;**
 - 10. and appendices (if necessary).**

The research paper is used as a supporting document to the abstract during the judging process. The judges read both the abstract and paper.