



GCSS Regional Fair Finalists Advancing to 2026 State Social Studies Fair

Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 8 AM-approximately 1:30 PM
North Cobb High School (see parking directions below)
3400 Old 41 Hwy NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144

Congratulations on having your project chosen as one of the best projects at your regional fair! The Georgia Council for the Social Studies and our sponsors are proud of your hard work and look forward to seeing you in Kennesaw on April 25.

This is the only notice you will receive about the specifics of the fair, so **make sure your teachers and parents see this notice**. Perhaps take a picture of this. It will also be posted on the <http://www.gcss.net> website.

DO THIS BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE REGIONAL FAIR TODAY:

- 1) Be sure your Regional Director has a complete and accurate entry form for your project** (you already completed this for regionals; it can be found at the Social Studies Fair link at www.gcss.net). Fair organizers use all the information for notifications and awards, so do not leave anything blank.
- 2) Your parent/guardian should complete the parent permission form indicating permission to publish your photo/information should you win a top award, confirming the spelling of your name by printing it, and signing with the signature he/she uses for official school documents.** The parent permission form should be completed **for each student** who worked on the project. Teachers, administrators, secretaries, and others should not and cannot sign for parents.

The teacher's school address and email address are used to track down any missing information needed by the state fair director to prepare awards or to clear up discrepancies in information on various forms regarding correct spellings of student, teacher, or project names or discipline categories.

Your Regional Fair Director will register you for the state fair using the complete entry forms discussed above.

In order to be competitive at the State Fair, follow this advice:

- 1) Use your regional scoresheet feedback to improve your project;** your teacher can request this from the regional director. Pay attention to the comments.
- 2) Also, make sure your project follows all the criteria on each section of the scoresheet to avoid point deductions.**
- 3) If you have not gotten your teacher's feedback, do so.**

SCHEDULE AND LODGING:

- Set-up will begin at 8 AM, with an opening ceremony at 9 AM. Follow the parking information for projects so you will be close to the setup area. Judges parking (in the front of the school) is further away from the set-up area so do not park in judges parking. After you unload your project at the curb, please remind the driver to remove the vehicle from the curb immediately to allow others to do the same.

- Check in at the table in the lobby and receive your table number. Don't forget to provide your own extension cords, power strips, and other technology needs.
- Visitors accompanying you will not be allowed in the display area following the opening ceremony. Student participants will wait in an area together for interviews, and photos. Once each participant has completed these activities, he/she will be released from the display area until all judging teams have completed their work.
- Participants should return to the display area at the public viewing time on the schedule (schedule to be posted at www.gcss.net), and judges will make their best efforts to be finished by that time. Please bring something to read or occupy your time outside of the judging area after you are released from your interview or plan to spend time with your family exploring the Kennesaw area until the scheduled time for public viewing. We may offer an optional trivia session.
- Lodging should be available in the Marietta/Kennesaw/Acworth area near I-75, north of Atlanta.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Additional prizes may be given in each discipline by various organizations. See the GCSS website -- there is a section in the fair handbook for details on the special awards.

Parking Directions at North Cobb High School

1. North Cobb is the size of a community college so please park where directed to save a VERY long walk around the entire building. Everything is locked except the areas we are using.
2. From Cobb Parkway/Highway 41: When Blue Springs dead ends, go right onto old Hwy 41 (DO NOT GO STRAIGHT -This is the gym parking lot).
3. DO NOT park in the front of the school, this would be a long walk from the projects.
4. From Old Hwy 41, take a left at the first light onto Nowlin Rd
5. Once on Nowlin Rd, proceed to the 2nd entrance on the left to enter NCHS – follow the yard signs for project set up
6. Drive up and you can drop off your project and then park in the lot.

Parking Map -

