

WEST VIRGINIA

CAPITOL BUILDING MINECRAFT DESIGN/BUILD CONTEST

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does every student have to register to enter?

Yes. Follow the instructions on the “enter contest” option on the website. If you are entering as a team, please choose “I am creating a team” and follow the instructions. Registration to enter the contest ends on June 20, 2016.

2. How do students enter the contest?

Students may register to enter the contest beginning on May 25, 2016. Students must register to enter the contest before 11:59 pm on June 20, 2016.

3. When do students submit their creation?

After registering, students must submit their entry by 11:59 pm on July 31, 2016.

4. How do students submit a project?

Email a picture or screen shot of your capitol building creation to minecraft@wvde.state.wv.us and include “Minecraft Contest Submission” in the email subject line.

5. Do students need to have experience in Minecraft to enter?

Yes. Students who enter individually should have experience in Minecraft. Teams should have a team member with experience in Minecraft.

6. Do students have to have a Minecraft license to enter?

Yes. Individual students must have an existing Minecraft license. Teams must have a member with an existing Minecraft license.

7. Can private school and homeschool students participate?

Yes. The West Virginia Capitol Building Design/Build Minecraft Contest is open to West Virginia students grades PreK-12, including private school and homeschool students.

8. May students register and submit multiple creations?

No. Entrants may register as an individual or as a team. Students can be on only one team. Only one submission per student or team is allowed.

9. Can students from different schools and counties be on a team?

Yes, West Virginia students from different schools/counties can be on the same team. Choose “I am creating a team” option on the registration form and follow the instructions.

10. Can a student have a team member from a different state?

No, the contest is open to West Virginia students ONLY.

11. Can students re-create the current West Virginia Capitol Building and create a unique version of a new state Capitol Building for West Virginia?

No. Students can only select one creation option when they register. Only one submission per student or team is allowed.

12. Who will judge the contest?

A select group of judges will review all entries, select finalists, and determine winners in each grade level category. Contest finalists and winners will be selected at the sole discretion of the judges based on the winner selection criteria.

13. How will projects be judged?

Judges will determine finalists based on:

- *Creating a replica of the current West Virginia Capitol Building, OR creating a new state capitol building for West Virginia.*
- *Demonstrating an understanding of the history and uniqueness of the West Virginia Capitol Building.*
- *Incorporating key components of a state capitol building (bicameral legislative chambers, offices for the Governor, the Senate President and the Speaker of the House, etc.).*
- *Showcasing graphics capability and/or creativity.*

14. When will finalists be selected?

Finalists will be determined in late summer. Finalists will be contacted and asked to provide a short video of their creation. Awards will be presented at a special event hosted in fall 2016.

15. What are the prizes?

More than \$6,000 worth of prizes will be awarded.

16. Can students use any device and any version of Minecraft to make their capitol building creation?

Yes. Students may use ANY device or version of Minecraft to make their creation as long as they submit at least one (1) picture or screen shot.

17. Do students have to create both the outside and inside of their capitol building?

Yes. Students must create both the inside and outside of the capitol and may choose to submit at least one (1) photo/screenshot of either the outside or inside of the creation.

18. Can students use texture packs or mods?

Yes. Students MAY choose to use texture packs or mods for their creation.

19. Does the contest submission photo have to be a certain size?

No. The size of the picture is based on what students create.

20. Can parents help students build the creation in Minecraft?

No. ONLY students can build/create the replica or new capitol building. Parents may help the student submit the picture of the creation but cannot help build their creation.

21. How do students display an understanding of the current West Virginia Capitol building?

Students will be judged based on the one (1) or two (2) pictures they submit by July 31st. Finalists will then be selected, contacted, and asked to provide more information in order to determine winners.

22. What if a student doesn't have an email address?

Students may use their parents email if the student doesn't have his or her own email address.