

2026 POSTER CONTEST

"SOIL - WHERE IT ALL BEGINS"

- 1. Who May Enter** Any fifth or sixth grader in the current school year, living or going to school within Wadena SWCD, may enter by submitting one entry.
- 2. Category Size** Poster: 11" x 17" minimum size
- 3. Material/Delivery** Construction or drawing paper that doesn't smear should be used. Paper may be taped together or rolled. Do not fold!
- 4. Theme** Posters *must express* the theme: "Soil - Where it all Begins." Posters must also have the words "Soil - Where is all Begins" no less than 1/2" in size on the front of the poster. These letters may be stenciled.
- 5. Artwork** Posters must be original artwork.
Do not use copyrighted cartoon characters/clip art.
- 6. Back of Poster** List the following identification information on the back of the poster/mural:
 - Student's name
 - Parent's name and telephone number
 - Teacher, school, grade level, and city
 - Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District
- 7. Timeline** Poster entries must be delivered to your local *Soil and Water Conservation District office* by May 13, 2026. The local SWCD is the only level in which to compete.
- 8. Judging**
50% impact of conservation message - written and artistic
30% originality
20% artistic arrangements
Any poster not complying with the rules will be disqualified
- 9. Awards** The Wadena SWCD will award certificates and cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

The top 3 posters may be used at our discretion, for example in our social media avenues to promote youth education and the theme. If students wish to have their posters returned, please let the Wadena SWCD know.



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