



NEDC: Quick Reference Guide

Where to Begin & the Resources to Support Teams

This guide is designed to help navigate the extensive resources tied to the national competition and its four components. The guide breaks down where to find support, from videos to curriculum modules.

Official Competition Website	MESA USA - YouTube Channel
https://nedc.mesausa.org/nedc-overview/	http://www.youtube.com/@mesausa5885
<p>Official documents (i.e., rules, templates) and supplemental resources will be posted on this official competition website.</p> <p>Recommended content: View previous teams' submissions. https://nedc.mesausa.org/teams/</p>	<p>Recordings of presentations, training videos, and competition overviews can be found via this channel.</p> <p>See convening snapshots that summarize NEDC workshops. Resources linked directly to these resources. Most recent snapshots include: Winter Convening 2023: Click Here Fall Convening 2024: Click Here</p>

MARS - Teachers' Resource
<p>Competition-specific curriculum designed to help teachers and teams support their teams. https://cole2.instructure.com/courses/2040326 (This is also directly linked to the rules.)</p>

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Design Proposal	Academic Poster
<p>Official Template available (PDF & .doc) <i>A sample template is available to view.</i></p>	<p>Official Template available (Google Slides) <i>Templates are within the official dimensions.</i></p>
<p>You can view official documents (click here) and national project submissions (click here) on the NEDC website.</p>	
Technical Pitch	
<p>Tech pitch recordings, live-streamed during the national event, are available for teams to review and study. https://www.youtube.com/live/GHo4vb42Nb8?si=2ep87ygKvaHNXKEi</p>	
Symposium	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> STAR Method - Presentation Recording Here For Presentation Slides, Click Here One Pager with Activities/Videos - Click Here 	<p>Think of a symposium as a science fair; it's a chance to showcase a project. <i>This component requires practice.</i> Recommended to view the DIG resource.</p>

Rule of Thumb: Always use the current year's rubrics, as competition themes & formats can change from year to year. While resources may reference past competitions, the latest rubrics will clarify which areas to prioritize & align with.