

Contest Day is Saturday March 8, 2025. Please review the information included about parking, the day's schedule, and food options for your time on/near the Norwich Free Academy campus.

Students should arrive at the south entrance on Crescent Street to park near the Atrium Building.

Food will be sold in the Atrium Building, benefiting the Norwich Free Academy Dance Boosters. Feel free to bring a packed lunch for the day, or enjoy one of the off-campus food options available in the city of Norwich.

This year, we are releasing the entry schedule for each Regional Contest the day before the contest on Friday mornings by 10 am. We know that weekends are very busy for students and their families, so we hope this early release of the entry schedules will be helpful to them.

**The CHD state office is unable to change the entry schedule the day before the contest. This information is being shared to help families plan, not as an invitation for timeslot change requests.**

The entry schedules will be available on the Teacher's Main and Student's Main page of zFairs. We will also send an email to all participants, parents/guardians, and teachers listed in the system with a pdf of the schedule.

For the Norwich Regional Contest the entry schedule will be released Friday March 7.

Printed programs with the entry schedule will still be handed out and **students will still be required to check-in upon arrival at the contest.**

Here are some other important items to remember:

- Student Check-in begins at 8am in the Atrium Building. It is required that students check-in.
- **Documentary, Exhibit, and Performance Students please bring 3 copies of your written materials.** Website and Paper students are encouraged to bring one paper copy to refer to during your interview/seminar, but this is not a requirement.
- We cannot provide access to printing at the Contest location - please be sure to print your materials before arriving at Norwich Free Academy.
- Documentary students need to be able to access their documentary file in multiple ways, so these students should plan to bring it on a USB drive, any cloud-based storage the student has access to (make sure you can log into that cloud-based storage), and as a last resort, a device.
- Entries in Senior Group Exhibit and Junior Group Exhibit will hold a second round of review (Run-offs). The top two entries from the Round 1 judging group will be evaluated in a run-off.
  - Exhibit Run-offs do not require students to be present as their projects are readily accessible for the judges.
- Audiences are allowed in the room when entries are being evaluated in all categories except Exhibit. **There are no audiences allowed in the Exhibit Hall while student interviews are taking place.** The Exhibit Hall will open at 12 p.m. at which time participants, families, and teachers are able to view exhibits.
- There are many great activities being offered by the Slater Museum and the Edwin Land Library, be sure to stop by and check out what's going on there during your down-time on contest day.

- We have a video that goes over many of the common questions and concerns regarding Contest Day accessible on our Youtube channel:  
<https://youtu.be/KZ7EY8atdGI?si=eEt1EwjMyt8kSbjd>

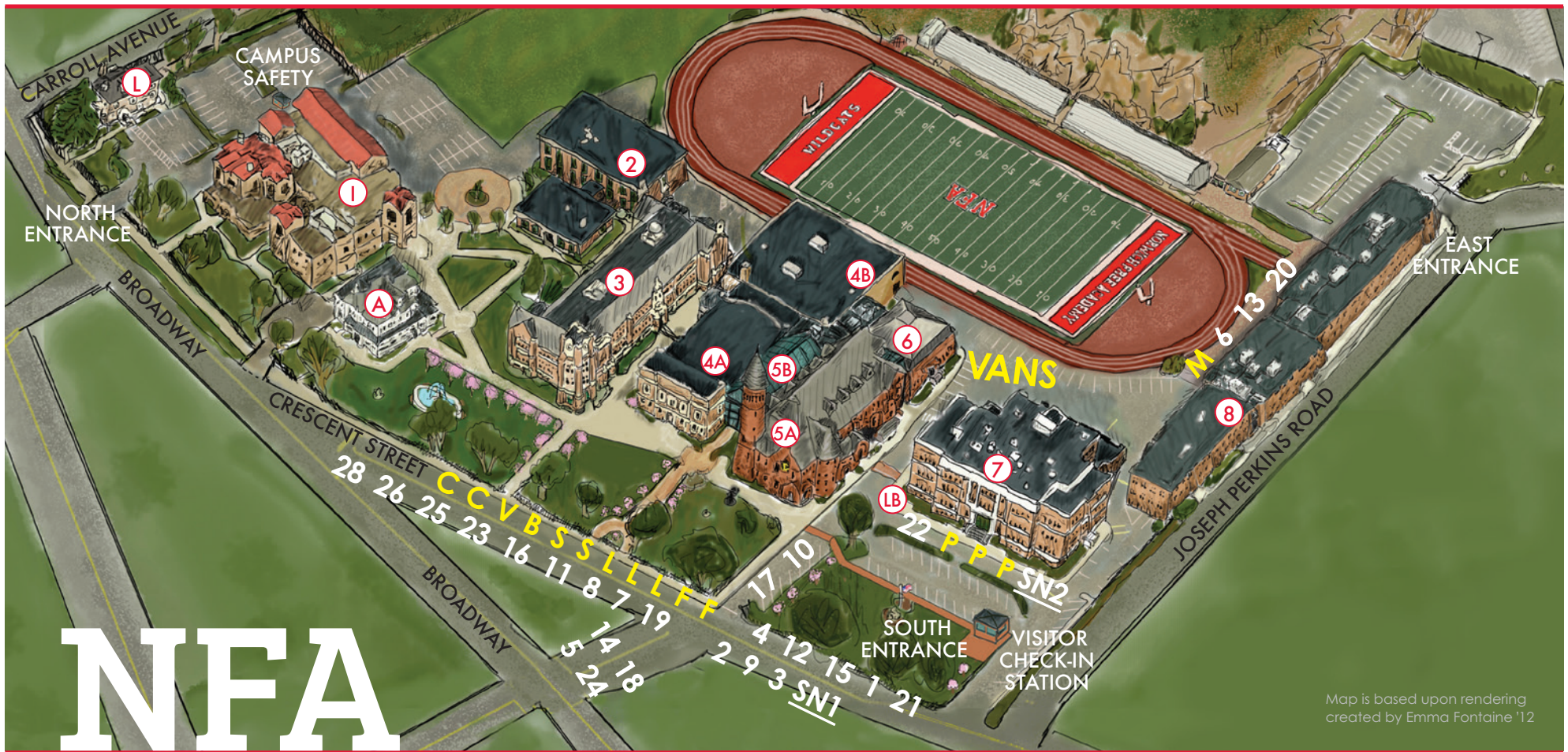
The Awards Ceremony will be at 2 p.m. We know Saturdays can be busy; students are not required to attend the Awards Ceremony in order to place in the top 4 of their category and advance to the Connecticut History Day State Contest.

Contest results will be posted on our website the Monday after the competition (March 10, 2025). If you are not able to stay for the entire day, your evaluation sheets with comments from the judges will be mailed to your teacher.

We are excited to see you Saturday March 8 for the Norwich History Day Contest!

## Norwich History Day Contest Schedule

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00-8:45 a.m.	<b>Student Check-in:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive program</li> <li>• Set up exhibit</li> <li>• Find room for entry evaluation</li> <li>• Store performance supplies in assigned rooms</li> </ul>	Atrium Building
9:00-9:15a.m.	<b>Welcome Ceremony</b>	Slater Auditorium
9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	<b>Judging (First Round, All Categories)</b>	
	Junior Individual Exhibit	Norton Gym, Gymnasium
	Junior Group Exhibit	Norton Gym, Gymnasium
	Senior Individual Exhibit	Norton Gym, Gymnasium
	Senior Group Exhibit	Norton Gym, Gymnasium
	Junior Individual Performance	Tirrell Building, Rm 7136
	Junior Group Performance	Tirrell Building, Rm 7130
	Senior Individual Performance	Tirrell Building, Rm 7130
	Senior Group Performance	Tirrell Building, Rm 7136
	Junior Individual Documentary	Tirrell Building, Rm 7130
	Junior Group Documentary	Tirrell Building, Rm 7101
	Senior Individual Documentary	Tirrell Building, Rm 7110
	Senior Group Documentary	Tirrell Building, Rm 7110
	Junior Individual Website	Converse Building, Rm 6102
	Junior Group Website	Converse Building, Rm 6102
	Senior Individual Website	Converse Building, Rm 6102
	Senior Group Website	Converse Building, Rm 6102
9:45 a.m.	<b>Junior Paper Seminar</b>	Tirrell Building, Rm 7123
10:30 a.m.	<b>Senior Paper Seminar</b>	Tirrell Building, Rm 7121
12:00-1:30pm	<b>Judging Run Offs</b>	
	Junior Group Exhibit	<i>Students' presence not required</i>
	Senior Senior Exhibit	<i>Students' presence not required</i>
12:00 p.m.	<b>Exhibits Open to the Public</b>	
1:30 p.m.	<b>Remove Exhibits</b>	Norton Gym, Gymnasium
2:00 p.m.	<b>Awards Ceremony</b>	Slater Auditorium
2:30 p.m.	<b>Evaluation Sheet Pick-Up</b>	Atrium Building
2:30 p.m.	<b>1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Honorable Mention Photo &amp; Brief Meeting</b>	Slater Auditorium



Map is based upon rendering created by Emma Fontaine '12

# BUS LOCATIONS

- B** – Bozrah
- C** – Canterbury
- F** – Franklin
- L** – Lisbon
- P** – Preston
- S** – Sprague
- V** – Voluntown
- M** – Mashantucket

**Norwich**  
**Norwich Bus Locations are indicated by numbers in white.** These are general locations. Exact order of bus numbers in each of the areas will vary day to day.  
**SN1** - Norwich Snow Bus  
**SN2** - Norwich Snow Bus

- (L)** Levanto Alumni House
- (1)** Latham Building
- (2)** Shattuck Building
- (3)** Cranston Building
- (4A)** Norton Building
- (4B)** Alumni Hall – “Alumni Gym”
- (5A)** Slater Building
- (5B)** Atrium
- (6)** Converse Building
- (7)** Tirrell Building
- (8)** Bradlaw Building
- (A)** Allis House
- (LB)** – Late Bus Location