HAWAIʻI HISTORY DAY

Hawaiʻi History Day
2026-2027 Calendar

FALL 2026 EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS	
MON, AUG 3, 2026	DOE School Year Start
SEPT 2026	Statewide Virtual Kickoff materials released online
SAT, SEPT 12, 2026	Hawaiian History Month Documentary Showcase
SAT, OCT 17, 2026	Maui Teacher Workshop
TBD	Molokaʻi Teacher Workshop
SEPT–DEC 2026	Outreach and teacher support
TBD	All Schools Registration Training: ZOOM meeting
MON, DEC 21, 2026–FRI, JAN 1, 2027	DOE Winter Break
SCHOOL FAIRS	
DEC 2026–JAN 2027	Hawaiʻi History Day School Fairs (Optional) *These are planned by teachers to select which projects are entered into District Fairs. School fairs must be held to allow sufficient time for students to register for the District Fairs. Registration for District Fairs closes on MON, FEB 1, 2027*
SPRING 2027 DISTRICT & STATE FAIRS	
TUES, JAN 5, 2026–FRI, JAN 15, 2027	**ONLINE TEACHER REGISTRATION: ALL TEACHERS MUST REGISTER BY FRI, JAN 15, 2027**
FRI, JAN 5, 2027	**ONLINE STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR DISTRICT FAIRS OPENS**
MON, FEB 1, 2027	**ONLINE STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR DISTRICT FAIRS CLOSES** • Student profiles/information must be in the ZFairs system. • Essays and Websites must be uploaded by MON, FEB 1, 5:00 PM. • Documentaries, Performances and Exhibits will be brought and judged in-person the day of the fairs. Exhibits must be physical boards.
SAT, FEB 13, 2027	Windward Fair at *Windward Community College*
SAT, FEB 20, 2027	Honolulu Fair at *Chaminade University*
MON, MAR 15-FRI, MAR 19, 2027	DOE Spring Break
WED, FEB 24, 2027	Molokaʻi Fair at *Molokaʻi High and Intermediate School*
FRI, FEB 26, 2027	Maui District Fair at *UH Maui College*
SAT, FEB 27, 2027	Hawaiʻi Island Fair at *UH Hilo*
SAT, MAR 6, 2027	Central Fair/ Leeward Fair at *Mililani High School*
To be confirmed	Kauaʻi Fair at *Kauaʻi Community College*
MON AFTER EACH DISTRICT FAIR	**ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR STATE FAIR OPENS** (For the respective qualifiers in the District)
MON, APR 9, 2027	**ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR STATE FAIR CLOSES**
SAT, APR 24, 2027	State Fair at *Windward Community College*

SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT US AT: *HISTORYDAY@HIHUMANITIES.ORG*
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PROJECT LIMITS FOR DISTRICT FAIRS

Please see the following guidelines for the maximum number of projects that can be entered per school. Contact us at historyday@hihumanities.org if you have any questions.

Groups are limited to 3 students maximum, except Performance which can have a maximum of 5.
Youth Division (grades 4-5):

- Essay – up to 8 per school
- Display – up to 8 per school
- Performance – up to 8 per school
- Documentary – up to 8 per school
- Website – up to 8 per school
- ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi – up to 8 per school

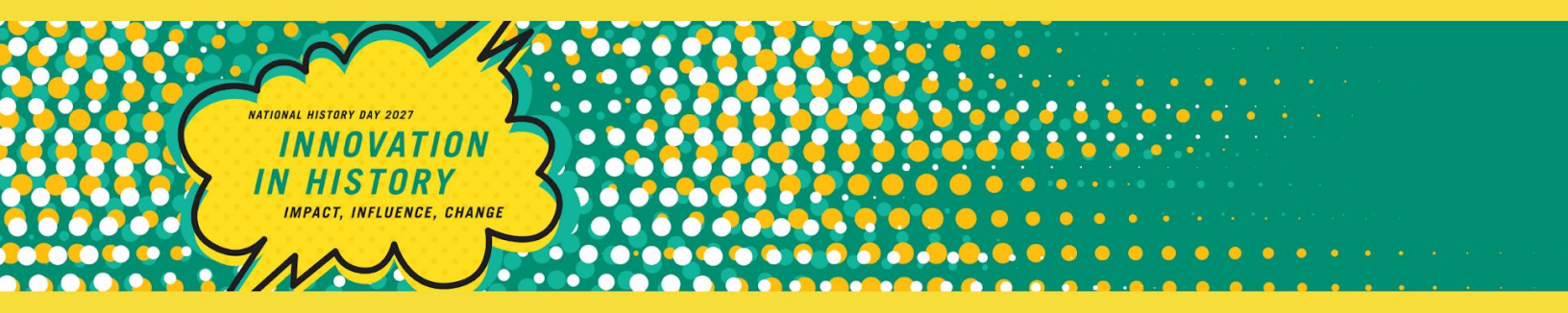
Junior (grades 6-8) and Senior Divisions (grades 9-12):

- Essay – up to 8 per school per division
- Display – up to 8 per school per division or 8% if over 100
- Performance – up to 8 per school per division
- Documentary – up to 8 per school per division
- Website – up to 8 per school per division or 8% if over 100
- ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi – up to 8 per school per division

NEW RULE ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2026-2027

Aloha Hawaiʻi History Day teachers,

One new thing to note this year and moving forward. Hawaiʻi History Day follows the official contest rules from National History Day with a few exceptions:

1. We have our ʻōlelo Hawaiʻi category with category specific rules.
2. Although NHD allows up to 5 members in group projects, Hawaiʻi History Day has limited group projects to up to 3 members in a group. Making the adjustment to allow up to 5 members per group in alignment with NHD will be a transitional process. This year, we would like to pilot this by allowing up to 5 members per group in Group Performance projects. Please see below for more details on the category rules. As the teacher, you can determine what you will allow in your classroom regarding individual and group projects–however, please note that we will observe the following during the History Day District and State competitions.

Project Category	Exhibit Category	Paper Category	Website Category	Performance Category	Documentary Category
Individual Projects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Group Projects	Yes, up to 3 members allowed	No. Papers are individual only	Yes, up to 3 members allowed	**Yes, up to 5 members allowed as of 2026-2027**	Yes, up to 3 members allowed