



# Ohio Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest

This contest provides teachers with an interesting way to incorporate weather education into classroom curriculum. It is designed to combine a student's originality and artistic talent with his or her ability to share the important message of how people can protect themselves and others from the dangers and hazards that accompany severe weather in Ohio.

To download the **Severe Weather Safety Teacher's Guide and Classroom Activities**, [click here](#).



**What:** Ohio Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest

**Who:** Ohio Students in Grades 1 – 6

**When:** Contest entries must be postmarked by April 15<sup>h</sup>

**How:** [Click here](#) for OCSWA Poster Contest Rules

This poster contest serves as a valuable tool to help students learn about severe weather safety and preparedness. The contest is open to all Ohio students in first through sixth grades, and individualized instruction (special education) classes. All public, private, charter, and home schools are encouraged to participate.

All regional winners are invited to attend the OCSWA awards ceremony at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy on the Ohio State Fairgrounds.

**Prizes for Regional Winners:** Admission passes to the Ohio State Fair; Certificates of Appreciation from the National Weather Service; OCSWA t-shirts; severe weather/emergency preparedness activity books; Red Cross blankets; school supplies; laptop/cellphone accessories; etc. (prizes vary per year).

**Prizes for State Winners:** (one student from 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades): Same prizes as regional winners, plus checks to go toward \$50 savings bonds; NOAA Weather Radios; smoke alarms; letters of congratulations from Gov. Mike DeWine; and their posters framed.

**Prizes for Overall State Winner:** Same prizes as regional and state winners, except student will receive a check to go toward a \$100 savings bond; personalized trophy; and Emergency Response Team disaster preparedness backpack.

In the fall, OCSWA members present a "traveling trophy" to the Overall State Winner's school to be displayed for the school year.