

# 811 POSTER CONTEST™



## CONTEST OVERVIEW

The 811 rule is easy and applies to everyone: individuals, families, neighborhoods and even the construction industry. Simply put, the rule is **call 811 before you dig**. This easy practice helps protect our environment and provides damage prevention to pipelines below ground.

This contest provides teachers an easy way to incorporate safety education into classroom curriculum. The teacher's role is to help students understand the reasons why calling 811 is an important part of energy safety for neighborhoods. This can be accomplished by using the National Energy Foundation (NEF) *Natural Gas Safety Poster* and viewing the "Call 811 Pirate" video at [commongroundalliance.com](http://commongroundalliance.com) or visit [energysafekids.org](http://energysafekids.org) for additional ideas to inspire poster designs.

## CONTEST JUDGING AND PRIZES

Entries will be judged on how students effectively communicate the theme **know what's below, call 811 before you dig**. Projects should express the student's ideas in a positive and constructive design. **Extra** points will be awarded for showing why respecting utility markers after calling 811 is important.

Entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges comprised of educators and experts from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and/or NEF. By entering this contest, entrants agree to be bound by the decisions of the judges, which are final.

- The first 811 student entries received will be awarded call 811 T-shirts; all other entries will be awarded a color changing pencil.
- One grand prize and two honorable mention winners will be selected.
- Entry deadline is May 8, 2020, winners will be notified by June 1, 2020.
- Prizes are not transferable, substitutable or exchangeable for cash. The contest sponsors, at their discretion, may substitute a prize of equal or greater value. Winners from 2014 - 2019 are permitted to enter but not allowed to win either the grand prize or an honorable mention.

Visit [energysafekids.org/811-poster-contest](http://energysafekids.org/811-poster-contest) for a full list of rules and regulations.



Teacher of grand prize winner:  
\$811 classroom education grant and a Kindle Fire.



Two honorable mention winners and their teachers:  
Kindle Fire

## Grand prize

A paid trip to Washington D.C.



**Step 1:**  
Create a  
unique poster.

**Step 2:**  
Write an  
explanation.

**Step 3:**  
Fill out the  
*Official Entry*  
Form and submit.