



Round 2 Judge Orientation

February 18, 2026

7:00 PM – 7:45 PM ET

Meeting will be recorded

Welcome, Judges



Thank You!



Agenda

- ▶ Overview of the Round 2 Judging Process
- ▶ Judging Platform
- ▶ Regional Selection Call
- ▶ Questions
- ▶ Important Dates
- ▶ Final Reminders

Overview of the Round 2 Judging Process

Overview of Judging Rounds



Round 2: February 20 - 26 (Grade band/region specific)

- ▶ Review all assigned projects and rank your top 6
- ▶ Take notes to help with the Regional Selection Call on February 28

Regional Selection Call: February 28

- ▶ Zoom meeting to select top 4 projects to advance to Regional Judging
- ▶ Time is grade dependent

Round 2: February 20-26



- ▶ Email from noreply@secure-platform.com on Friday, February 20
 - *Subject Line:* Round 2 of Judging is Open
 - Notifying you that projects are available in the Judging Platform
- ▶ Review projects and rank top 6 by 11:59 PM ET on February 26

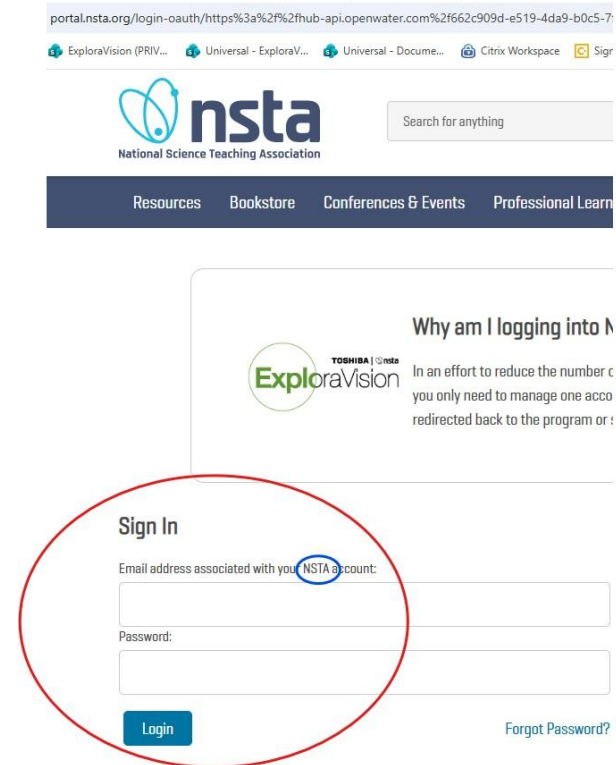
Judging Platform

Getting Started – Signing In

1. Click on *Register / Sign In* at www.exploravision.org



2. Sign in at NSTA



Home Screen



1. Click on *My Judging Assignments*

Welcome Sue Whitsett

- Home
- My Applications
- All (0)
- Submitted (0)
- My Judging Assignments**
- My Profile
- Log Out

2. Click on *Open*

Select Entry Round

Search:

Program	Round	# Pending	# Judged	Action
2025-26 Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Competition	Competition Application	0	7	Open
2025-26 Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Competition	Regional Top Educators Review	6	1	Open

3. Click on *Open* to view your judging assignments

Category Name	# Ranked	# Total Required	Action
Region 4	1	6	
--- High School Level (10-12)	1	6	Open

4. The ranked tells you how many you have ranked.

Step 1: Review Projects



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Regional Top Educators Review

Add up to your top 6 projects to your short list. Please note if you are assigned projects across multiple regions / grade bands, you will rank your top 6 projects per region / grade band.

For your convenience, you may use the linked spreadsheet file to guide you in your ranking of applications. Click the link below to download a copy of this file:

- [2025-26 ExploraVision Guidance Rubric \(xlsx\)](#)

DESC Score

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Category: Region 4 > High School Level (10-12)

Application # 8462

[VIEW APPLICATION](#)

[ADD TO TOP 6](#)

Review the projects by clicking on the project title in **blue** or *View Application*.

Reminder: click on *Project Information* to see the project

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Team Information

Project Information

Project Information

Judge-Only: Regional Winner Storyboard/Website URL

Judge-Only: Regional Winner Video URL

Title of Project *

Step 2: Rank Projects

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Title of Project *

Your Top 6 (6 Remain)

#	Name	Action
No Ranked Submissions		

Back to list **ADD TO TOP 6**

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Rank projects 1 to 6 with 1 being the top score

- ▶ First project rank will go into rank of 1
- ▶ To return to your projects click on *Back to List*

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Your Top 6 (5 Remain)

#	Name	Action
+	1 ssss	Remove

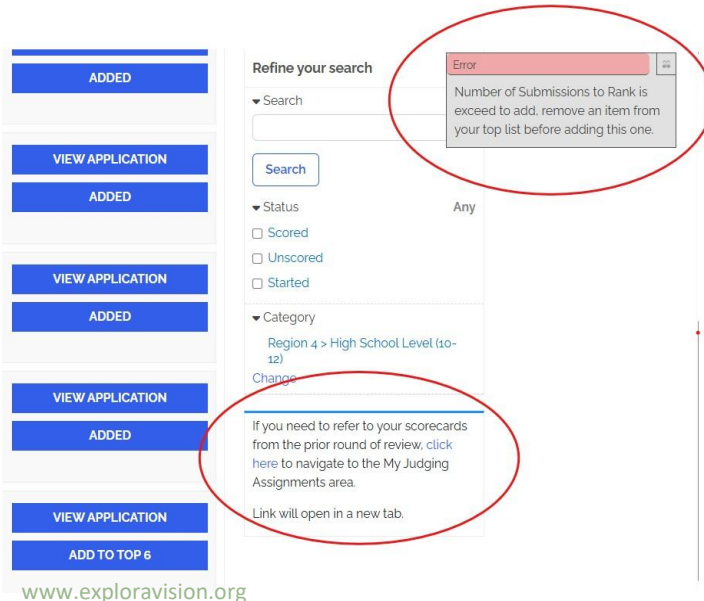
Clear List **Back to list** ADDED

Step 3: Rank Order the Projects

Your Top 6 (Complete)		
#	Name	Action
+	1 Test 4	Remove
+	2 Test 5	Remove
+	3 Test 9	Remove
+	4 Test 19	Remove
+	5 Test 15	Remove
+	6 ssss	Remove

Rank projects 1 to 6 with 1 being the top project

- ▶ Drag + next to the project name to the desired rank
- ▶ Error message if you try to add more than 6 to the list
- ▶ Click *Remove* to remove a project from **Your Top 6** list

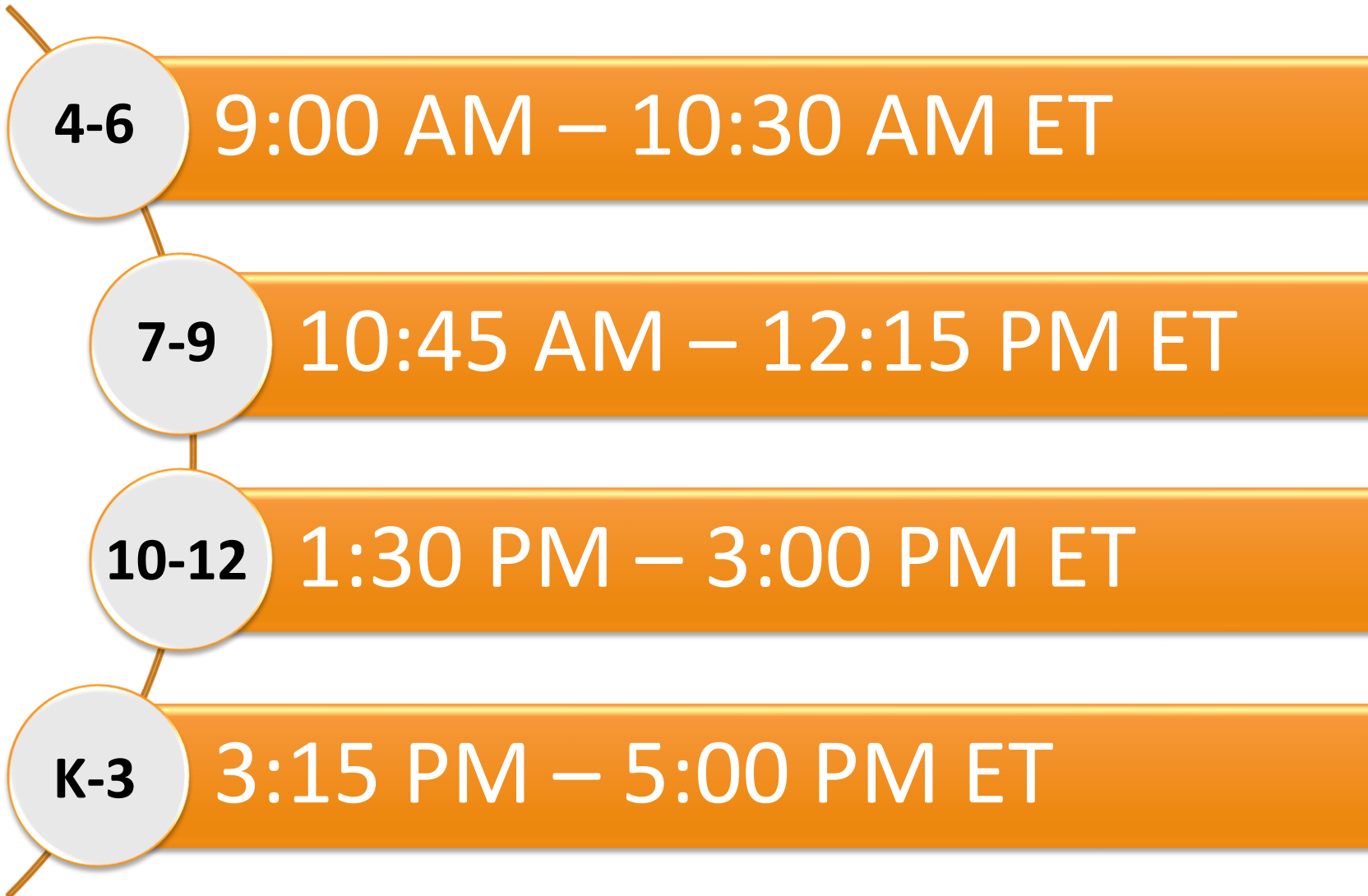


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Helpful Resource at the bottom to look at last round

Regional Selection Call

Zoom Meeting – Saturday, February 28



Project Discussion List

Example Google Document Used During Saturday’s Discussion Call and Facilitated through Judging Chair

► Link to Google Document will be sent via email

Grade 10-12 Region 1										
Project ID	Submission Name	Jackson Cline	Alexandra Nedevski	Douglas Baltz	Teresa Burchette	Keith Harris	Alisha Sparks	Dawn Sprouse	Cathy Farrar	Olga Hunt
3456721	INHIB-Q: Synthesis of Quorum Sensing Inhibition With a Botanical Antimicrobial to Combat Multidrug-Resistant Pathogens				1			1		
3456744	Polychiral Multi-Walled Carbon Nanotube Solar Cells			1	1	1		1	1	1
3506018	Stabilizing tin-based perovskites to increase the efficiency and safety of solar cells			1						
3508488	Perovskites and the future of solar energy									
3546611	Nano Laser Ablation System (NanoL.A.S.)			1		1			1	1
3556612	Utilizing Extremophile Genetic Recombination to Reduce the Effects of Acid Rain on Aquatic Environments							1	1	1
3556694	Epiband: The New First Responder in Health Care									
3568320	Application of Graphene-Enhanced Silk Nanofibrils in a Novel Water Filtration Bottle			1	1	1		1	1	1

Judging Chair Role

- ▶ Facilitate the conversation and ensuring everyone's input is being heard.
- ▶ Ensure everyone is using the google document for scoring.
- ▶ Review the judging guidelines
- ▶ Ensure everyone signs the agreement at the bottom of the google document.
- ▶ Let NSTA staff know when your review is complete and scores have been discussed – through the chat feature or email – exploravision@nsta.org.

Questions



Help is Still Needed in the Following Regions/Grades



► Region Help

- Region 1 (7-9)
- Region 1 (10-12)
- Region 2 (7-9)
- Region 2/Region 3 (4-6)
- Region 4 (10-12)
- Region 5 (7-9)
- Region 6 (7-9)
- Region 6 (10-12)

- Please email exploravision@nsta.org to volunteer
- Assignments will be in your portal by noon
- Please complete by 5:00 PM tomorrow, February 19
- Round 2 will begin Friday morning, February 20

Important Dates

Feb 26
11:59 PM ET

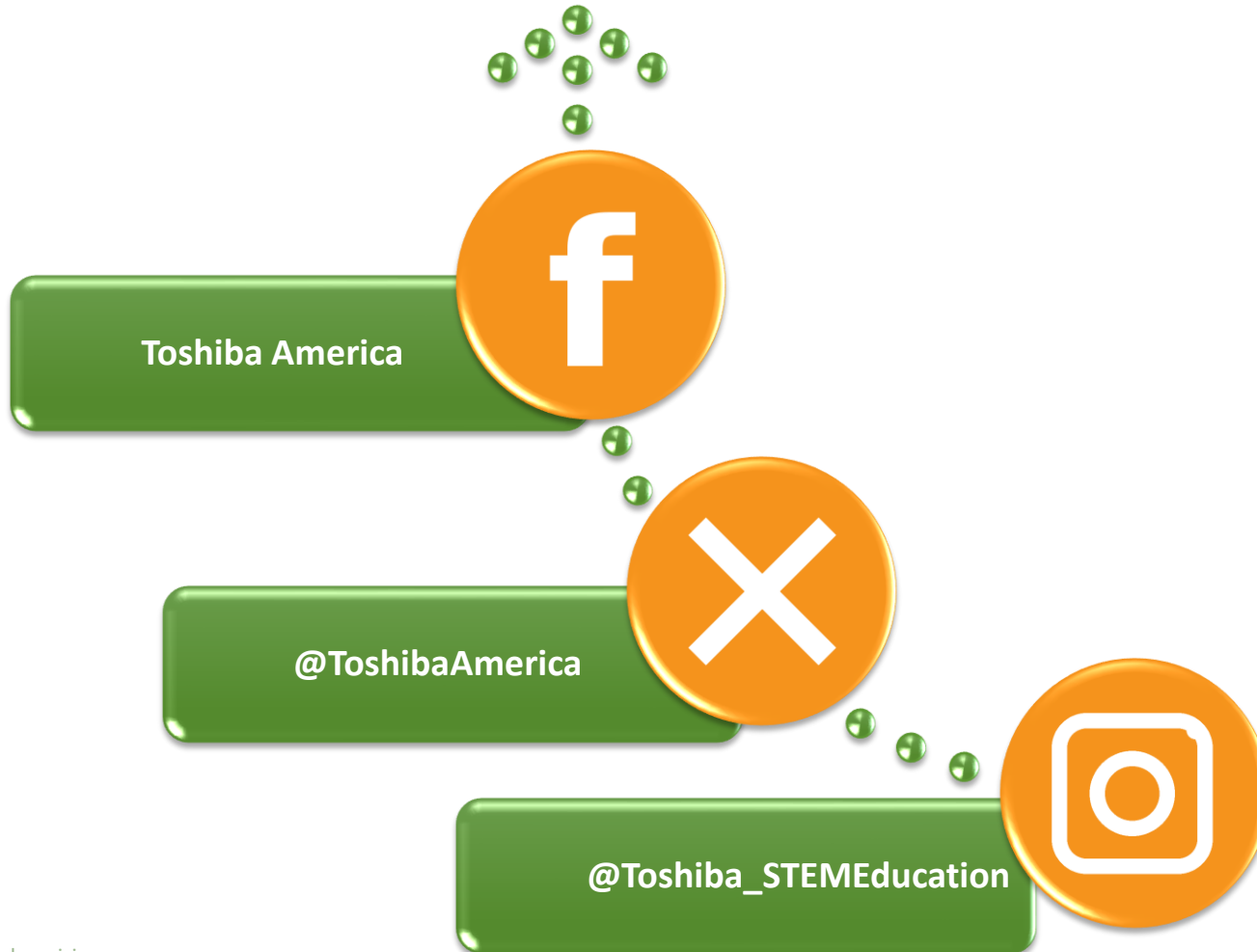
**Complete Top 6
Project Ranking**

Feb 28

**Regional
Selection Call
9 AM - 5 PM ET**

Final Reminders

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