

Student competition

Guidelines for Photography Projects

We suggest the following guidelines when taking photos:

- Use landscape mode (horizontal) whenever possible, as it is easier to adjust the composition. Portrait format often results in too much empty space at the top or bottom of the image, with insufficient space on the sides for the subject.
- Compose carefully so that the subject is not cut off or positioned in a way that is distracting, which can make the image feel unbalanced.
- Avoid distracting elements around the edges of the image. Strive for clean, simple compositions.
- Use shallow depth of field if your phone allows. A sharp subject with a blurred background helps highlight the important details.
- Pay attention to lighting. Avoid shooting in harsh, direct sunlight, as it creates strong contrasts between light and shade. If possible, shoot in low light or on cloudy days.
 Using HDR mode can also help balance contrast.
- If shooting in mixed lighting conditions, try to capture either only sunlit areas or only shaded areas so that the light meter is not confused by extreme contrasts.

Questions?

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