



## South Bay High Schools Photo Contest Judging Criteria

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### **Photo is relevant to the category**

How well does the photo meet the criteria of the category it is in?

### **Composition**

Are the items of interest placed well in the photo?

Are there distracting elements?

### **Creativity**

Is the subject matter pictured in a unique way or is a common item shown from an interesting point of view?

Does the photo demonstrate originality?

Did the photographer use light in a creative way?

### **Technical Quality**

Is the photo in focus?

Is the image properly exposed?

Is depth of field considered/used?

Shutter speed varied or adjusted to be appropriate of the photo?

### **Overall Impression**

Is the photo able to grab the viewer's attention and hold it?

What is the "wow" factor? Are there any special effects or extras?