



CSI Arizona

Qualification Scenario Report Guidelines

The Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education is the official sponsor of the ***CSI Arizona Forensic Science Competition.***

Participating in the Forensic Science Competition provides students the opportunity to showcase what they have learned in the field of Forensic Science by applying their knowledge and skills to evidence gathering and crime scene analysis.

The CSI Arizona Forensic Science Competition is a two part competition:

1. Qualification Scenario Report
2. Crime Scene Investigation Showcase

The Qualification Scenario Report requires participating classes/clubs to produce a report documenting how the evidence from a mock crime scene was processed, preserved, analyzed and interpreted. Each report will be evaluated by a panel of judges and the top 10 submissions will be invited to the State Competition on May 15, 2009.

The competition is available for grades 6-12 and any public, private or charter school class may participate. In the interest of ensuring fairness and promoting uniformity, the competition shall be governed by the following set of rules:

I. School Eligibility

1. Schools are eligible to submit one or more qualification scenarios.
2. Recommendations for Forensic Science curriculum preparation:
 - a. Instructors have attended a Forensic Science: Crime Scene Investigation training hosted by the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education.
 - b. Instructors have collaborated with a School Resource Officer, School Probation Officer and/or Science Teacher.

II. Class Eligibility

1. Classes comprised of students in grades 6-12 are eligible to participate in the Forensic Science Competition under the following criteria:

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- a. The class must be a regularly rostered class or an administrator approved before or after school program.
- b. Students are enrolled in the school as evidenced by permanent school records.
- c. Class or club size cannot be fewer than 6 students.
- d. Only those students who participate in the Qualification Scenario are eligible to participate in the Crime Scene Investigation Showcase.

III. Team Composition:

1. A forensic team may consist of up to 12 members and 3 alternates. The alternates must be used in at least one scoring area of the competition, replacing up to three of the regular team members
2. One to two students must be designated as the Lead Investigator(s) for each area being evaluated. It is recommended that teams larger than 10 members be divided into sub-teams of no more than 5 students and assigned areas of responsibility (documentation, fingerprinting, evidence collection, evidence processing, interviewing, etc...)

IV. Classroom Instruction Recommendations

1. Participating classes are encouraged to participate in 30 hours of instruction in the field of Forensic Science.
2. Participating classes are encouraged to interact with a minimum of 2 Community Resource People.
3. Participating classes are encouraged to participate in basic Forensic Science lessons:
 - a. Crime Scene Management
 - b. Fingerprinting
 - c. Blood Spatter
 - d. Lip Printing
 - e. Shoe Imprint/Impressions
 - f. Reconstruction of past events based on evidence collection

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V. Qualification Scenario Report

1. Each class must submit a Qualification Scenario Report answering the questions in the “Qualification Scenario” document.
 - a. The “Qualification Scenario” can be downloaded online at www.azlfse.org/csiarizona .
 - b. The Qualification Scenario Report must be the result of a collaborative effort of the students and each student must be provided an opportunity to assist in the completion of the report.
 - c. The Qualification Scenario Report must not exceed more than 5 pages.
2. Classes must include the Forensic Science Qualification Scenario Cover Page and Class Roster.
3. The Cover Page can be downloaded online at www.azlfse.org/csiarizona

VI. Submission of Qualification Scenario Report

1. The Qualification Scenario Report, Cover Page, and Class Roster must be submitted by the deadline.
2. The documents can be submitted by mail, fax or email.
3. Please submit to:

Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education
CSI Arizona
4201 N. 24th Street, Suite 210
Phoenix, AZ 85016
Fax: 602-773-3161

VII. Qualification Scenario Report Evaluation:

1. The Qualification Scenario Reports will be evaluated in their separate regions
2. Classes will be notified of their status and an invitation will be sent for the State Showcase.

VIII. Awards:

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1. Each class participating in the Qualification Scenario Report will receive a certificate for their school.
2. The 10 Qualification Scenario Reports with the highest scores will be invited to participate in the Crime Scene Investigation Showcase in May.

IX. Crime Scene Investigation Showcase Guidelines

The Crime Scene Investigation Showcase Guidelines will be posted online at www.azflse.org.

X. Dispute Resolution

In the event of a protest, conflict or dispute during the course of the competition, the final arbitration shall be the responsibility of the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education Executive Director subject to the rules of the competition and the policies of the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education.

XI. Timelines

All timelines must be adhered to. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.