

Contest Terms and Conditions

These Terms & Conditions (“Terms”) apply to the Progress Learning Alien Ranking Card Student Design Contest (“Contest”) and supplement the Contest Guide & FAQ. By submitting any student artwork, the teacher and school agree to these Terms.

- **Sponsor**
 - The Contest is sponsored by Progress Learning (“Sponsor”).
- **Eligibility**
 - The Contest is open to students in grades K–8 who are enrolled in an accredited school in the United States.
 - Entries must be submitted by a teacher or school staff member on behalf of the student(s).
 - No purchase is necessary to enter or win. The Contest is void where prohibited by law.
- **How to Enter**
 - Entry methods, deadlines, and technical requirements are described in the [Contest HelpDoc](#).
 - Each student may submit up to ten (10) entries.
 - Late, incomplete, illegible, or non-compliant entries may be disqualified at Sponsor’s sole discretion.
- **Content Requirements**
 - All entries must:
 - Be the student’s own original artwork, created specifically for this Contest.
 - Be alien-themed.
 - Not be created using AI tools or generators.
 - Not include licensed or copyrighted characters (e.g., from movies, TV, games, books, or other media)
 - Be school-appropriate for grades K–8 and must not include:
 - Real people or realistic depictions of classmates or staff
 - Weapons, graphic violence, or gore
 - Nudity or sexualized content
 - Drugs, alcohol, smoking, or vaping
 - Hate symbols or discriminatory, harassing, or bullying content
 - Self-harm, suicide, or other unsafe behaviors
 - Political messages, campaign materials, or political advocacy
 - Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any entry that, in its sole judgment, does not meet these requirements.
- **Teacher Representations & Parental Consent**
 - By submitting any student entry, the teacher/school represents and warrants that:
 - The artwork is the original work of the student named on the entry.
 - The school’s policies allow participation in this Contest and the sharing of student work and information with Sponsor.
 - The student’s parent or legal guardian has provided permission for:
 - The student to participate in the Contest; and
 - Sponsor to use the student’s first name, last initial, grade level, school name, district name, and artwork as described in these Terms.
 - Teachers/schools agree to maintain records of any required parent/guardian permissions in accordance with school or district policy.

- **Ownership & License**

- The student (and/or their parent/guardian) retains ownership of the copyright in the artwork.
- By entering the Contest, the student (and their parent/guardian) and the submitting teacher/school grant Sponsor a perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free, non-exclusive license to:
 - Use, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish, display, distribute, and create derivative works from the artwork, in whole or in part, in any media now known or later developed; and
 - Use the student's first name, last initial, and district name in connection with such uses.
- This license includes use within the Progress Learning platform, on Sponsor's websites, in promotional and marketing materials, in printed materials, and on Sponsor's social media channels, without additional compensation beyond any prize awarded.

- **Use of Student Information**

- The following information may be collected for contest administration: student first name and last initial, grade level, school name, district name, teacher name, and the submitted artwork.
- For winning entries, the student's first name, last initial, district name, and artwork may be publicly displayed as described in Sections 6 and 8.
- Student information will be handled in accordance with applicable privacy and student data laws and Sponsor's agreements with schools and districts.

- **Selection of Winners & Prizes**

- Eligible entries received by the deadline will be reviewed and judged by Sponsor according to criteria such as creativity, originality, and suitability for use in the Progress Learning platform.
- Up to twenty (20) winning entries will be selected. Sponsor's decisions regarding winner selection are final and binding.
- Each winning student will have their alien design featured in Progress Learning and will receive the prizes described in the Contest Guide (e.g., trophy or plaque, Progress Learning swag, and a classroom gift card, subject to school/district policies).
- If an entire class participates, the teacher may be entered into a drawing for a class prize (such as a pizza party), which will be coordinated with the school and may be substituted or adjusted to comply with school/district policies.
- Winners will be notified using the teacher/school contact information provided and may also be announced on Sponsor's website, platform, and social media.

- **Submissions and Returns**

- Sponsor is not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, damaged, or incomplete entries.
- Physical artwork submitted by mail will not be returned. Teachers/schools are encouraged to keep copies for their records.
- Non-winning entries will be used only for contest administration and will not be publicly displayed, except as may be required by law or school/district agreements.

- **General Conditions**

- Sponsor reserves the right to cancel, suspend, or modify the Contest, or any part of it, if any factor interferes with its security, fairness, or proper conduct.
- Sponsor reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value if any advertised prize becomes unavailable, subject to school/district policies.
- By participating, schools, teachers, and students (through their parents/guardians) agree to release and hold harmless Sponsor and its officers, employees, and agents from any claims arising out of participation in the Contest or acceptance or use of any prize, to the extent permitted by law.
- These Terms are governed by the laws of the state in which Sponsor is headquartered, without regard to conflict-of-law rules.