

DESIGN-A-SIGN

YOUTH ART COMPETITION

The City of Pico Rivera needs **your help** to keep our community clean and waste-free!

Calling all young artists in Pico Rivera! Help lead the way to a cleaner, greener city by entering our Youth “Design-A-Sign” Art Competition! Pico Rivera is on a mission to make our community cleaner, greener and healthier for everyone. One powerful way to do this is by working toward “zero waste” — which means using less, reusing more, recycling right and keeping organic waste out of landfills.

The City is inviting young artists in our community to design an eye-catching poster that encourages our community to live clean and waste-free!

The theme of our contest is:

“Sort it Right, Keep Our City Bright!”

All students are asked to use this theme to creatively guide their artwork. The design should inspire the community to compost, recycle, stop littering and reuse everyday items instead of throwing them away. Poster designs will be judged on creativity, impact, clarity and how well they promote zero waste and community cleanliness.

Age categories:

- Elementary and Middle School Students
- High School Students

Selected student artwork will be featured in public places across Pico Rivera to help remind community members to keep our community clean and sort their waste!

Together, we can create a healthier and more beautiful City, starting with meaningful and impactful art.



For more information, visit Pico-Rivera.org/GoEcoPico



ART CONTEST RULES & INSTRUCTIONS

Rules & Instructions

- Artwork must be original and created by the student.
- Digital art is allowed but must include proof of originality (e.g., hand-drawn sketches).
- Designs must be respectful and relevant to the contest theme.
- Submissions must follow size guidelines in the provided templates.*
- Open to students enrolled in ERUSD or other eligible K–12 schools within Pico Rivera.**
- **Submit entries by Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 5 p.m.** Drop off at Pico Rivera City Hall or email to sustainability@pico-rivera.org

What to Keep in Mind When Creating Your Design

- Organic waste like food scraps produces harmful methane emissions — your art can help raise awareness!
- In Pico Rivera: Yard waste (leaves, clippings, branches) can go loose in the green bin. Food waste & soiled paper must be bagged in a clear plastic bag before placing in the green bin.
- Recyclables must be clean and dry to be properly processed.
- Accepted recyclables include: Plastics #1, #2, #5, Aluminum cans, Glass bottles, Paper and cardboard
- Contamination in the organic green bin and the recycling blue bin can result in this waste being diverted to the landfills, resulting in higher pollution.

Student Categories & Prizes

- Elementary & Middle School (K–8th Grade) and High School (9th–12th Grade) students are invited to participate.
- Up to 10 winners will be selected from the K-8th grade category
- Up to 8 winners will be selected from the 9th-12th grade category
- Winning artwork will be featured on BigBelly waste bins at Smith Park, and each student will receive a certificate of recognition from the City!
- All winning entries — regardless of grade level — will be considered for the grand prize: Artwork featured on an official NASA waste truck for the entire community to see!

Students from the following schools are eligible to participate:

Rivera Academy	Montebello Gardens Elementary School	Rio Hondo Elementary School
Rio Vista Elementary School		Armenian Mesrobian School
Maizeland Elementary School	Magee Academy of Arts and Sciences	Rivera Middle School
Durfee Elementary School	Valencia Academy of the Arts	The STEAM Academy @ Burke
Birney Tech Academy	Saint Marianne de Pardes School	North Park Academy of the Arts
North Ranchito Elementary School	St. Hilary School	El Rancho High School

The City is excited to see what the community's student artists can create to make Pico Rivera cleaner, greener and healthier!

*All students are required to stay with the outlined dimensions on the contest template sheet for their artwork to be eligible for printing. Please see the submission guidelines.

**If questions about this contest or applicant eligibility arise, please contact Paola Granados, the competition's project manager, for the City of Pico Rivera's Office of Sustainability. Contact her at pgranados@pico-rivera.org or (562) 801-4244

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SIGN DESIGN CONTEST TEMPLATE FOR PARK SIGNAGE



INSTRUCTIONS

- Create a design using the theme “Sort it Right, Keep Our City Bright!”
- Keep all content within the template box edges.
- Ensure your design is bold, unique and legible from a distance.
- Provide your name, school, grade, homeroom teacher name and contact email.
- **Submit designs by Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** to Pico Rivera City Hall or via email to: sustainability@pico-rivera.org.

Ten (10) winners from the (K-8) elementary and middle school age group and eight (8) winners from the high school age group will be selected by October 14. These selected artists will get their artwork featured on City park signage and receive official recognition from the Pico Rivera City Council. For updates, follow the City of Pico Rivera on social media!

Full Name: _____ Contact Info: _____

Name of School: _____ Teacher Name: _____ Grade Level: _____

SIGN DESIGN CONTEST TEMPLATE FOR NASA WASTE TRUCK



INSTRUCTIONS

- Create a design using the theme "Sort it Right, Keep Our City Bright!"
- Keep all content within the template box edges.
- Ensure your design is bold, unique and legible from a distance.

SCALE DETAILS

- Design Area: 54" high x 120" wide

- Provide your name, school, grade, homeroom teacher name and contact email.
- **Submit designs by Thursday, October 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** to Pico Rivera City Hall or via email to: sustainability@pico-rivera.org.

- Scaled to fit within printable margins on 8.5" x 11" paper
Scale: 1 inch = approx. 12.0 inches

Four (4) winners from both age group levels will be selected by October 14 by City and NASA representatives, get their art featured on a NASA Truck and receive official recognition from the Pico Rivera City Council. For contests updates, follow the City on all social media platforms!

Full Name: _____ Contact Info: _____

Name of School: _____ Teacher Name: _____ Grade Level: _____