2025-2026 Lapel Pin Rules

- The design must be represented on a standard 8 ½" x 11" paper. The design can be computer-generated or done by hand. **NO LARGE POSTERS**

- The design **must** use no more than **four** colors. (White is a color)

- Since the manufacturer will place the design on a pin having a gold or silver background, your use of gold or silver as a background will not be considered a color. However, a background of any other color will be considered one of your four colors.

- The colors should be presented **ONLY** with computer-generated designs, pencils, crayons, ink pens, colored markers, colored pencils, charcoal, or pastels.

- The design can be of different shapes (state, round, square, rectangle, mason jar, shape of a fish, magnolia, etc.). It does not have to be a certain shape. The more FUN and CREATIVE the pin, the more popular it will be at ILC.

- All lapel pin entries are due by **Friday, October 10, 2025**. Please email your entry to jfogg@mdek12.org.

- Please include your name, school name, and charter number.

- **Your State Officers will choose the top 10 lapel pin designs to present to voting delegates. Voting will be done electronically at the Fall Leadership Conference by each chapter's voting delegates.**

- Chapters may enter *TWO* entries for the Lapel Pin Design.

- The design **does not** have to include the theme.

- The pin must be in a **positive image** for our state association.

- The pin should be **artistically pleasing**.

- The pin should be visualized at a 1" diameter. Intricate details will be seen.

- What makes a good poster might not make a good pin design.