



## 2026 SKILLSUSA INDIANA CHAMPIONSHIPS TASK AND MATERIALS LIST

SKILLS OR LEADERSHIP: CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

### CONTEST LOCATION:

Indiana State Fairgrounds West Pavilion  
1202 E. 38<sup>th</sup> St.  
Indianapolis, IN 46205

**DATE:** April 11, 2026

**TIME:** 6:00 am concessions open

7:30 am arrive no later at West Pavilion

7:45 am be in contest area Pre-Contest meeting

8:00 am contest begins

### PURPOSE:

To evaluate a team of contestants' ability to conduct a crime scene investigation.

### CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS:

*NO SCHOOL LOGO OR AFFILIATION ON ANY CLOTHING, MUST BE COVERED*

- Appropriate attire for program area
  - Plain dress pants/slacks (no stripes) or uniform BDU trousers
  - Solid color oxford or polo style shirt
- Black belt
- Black or Brown leather shoes or boots, no more than ½" heel
- Black socks (if showing)

### **\*AWARDS CEREMONY DRESS CODE\***

*A Dress Code will be enforced during the Awards Ceremony. To accept an award "on-stage", the student must wear the "Official SkillsUSA Uniform", State T-Shirt or the competition attire. **NO SHORTS OR HATS!!!***

**ALL COMPETITORS MUST TURN IN A 1-PAGE RESUME, FRONT PAGE ONLY, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CONTEST. A 10 POINT DEDUCTION WILL BE GIVEN IF NOT TURNED IN AT THIS TIME. NO SHEET PROTECTORS OR FOLDERS.**

### ELIGIBILITY:

Open to a team of three active SkillsUSA members enrolled in programs with law enforcement as the occupational objective. All team members must be from the same SkillsUSA - chapter and not entered in the Criminal Justice Skills Contest. A Team of 3 must compete and less than 3 will be penalized 10% of the total score.

### EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS:

Supplied by the Contestant:

Crime scene kit containing materials necessary to conduct a crime scene investigation.

At a minimum:

- Digital Camera (not a cell phone) with removable media card

- PPE to include safety glasses, mask/face shield, shoe covers, and non-latex examination gloves (Tyvek optional but not recommended)
- Latent print examination kit/fingerprint kit with cards and tape (Fingerprint powder and brushes)
- Measuring device (laser measuring device or tape measure)
- Scale (preferably an 'L' shaped scale)
- Sterile swabs and swab boxes
- Water in dispenser bottle/dropper (should be distilled, but due to travel restrictions can be tap)
- Evidence placards/markers/cones
- Evidence bags; paper and plastic, various sizes Tamper proof evidence tape
- Sharpie
- Sketching kit
- Tweezers
- Small pocket notebook for field notes
- Pens and #2 pencils
- Flashlight
- Paper-option of plain, lined, and/or graph
- Clipboard(s)
- Scissors-optional

## **SKILLS PERFORMANCE**

The competition will include activities that simulate situations encountered by criminal investigation professionals.

The Skills Performance is broken down into three main sections.

1. Crime Scene Practicum - students will have 15 minutes in a mock crime scene. They will photograph, search, identify evidence, and collect information necessary to record the crime scene. They will not remove evidence. The focus is on the recording stage of crime scene processing.
2. Skill Demonstration - the team will be given three (3) skills to demonstrate. The team will decide which member will demonstrate each skill. Each member of the team will demonstrate one skill. Each skill can only be demonstrated by one member of the team. Examples of skills to be demonstrated may include, but are not limited to, the following: collecting a type of evidence, processing a type of evidence, or a similar crime scene skill.
3. Paperwork and Evidence packaging - the students will then complete the crime scene sketch, photo log (with photos), property forms, and individual narratives (paperwork). Their photos will be collected from their media card for judging.

**Written Assessments**-Online completed during open window March 13-27, 2026

## **PRE-CONTEST INFORMATION:**

Prior to the competition, contestants will be briefed on the upcoming events. This will allow contestants time to ask questions. Contestants will not be allowed any communication with advisors, chaperones, or fellow contestants during the competition.

After pre-contest meeting at 0745 on Saturday morning, teams will be scheduled and will need to report to the contest holding area 15 minutes in advance.

Teams will do the following:

- Skills Demo/Evidence interpretation- 15 minutes
  - o Demonstrate their skills individually (3 skilled demo areas – each team member will choose one. One skill per team member, no skill may be chosen twice. Each skill must be covered by someone on the team. Teams will separate for this part. Before they enter, make sure you have the tools, materials, supplies, etc., that you will need to complete the skill. Skills may include identifying a fingerprint and collecting evidence, evidence interpretation, collection of evidence from a scene, suspected blood collection, footprint identification, etc.
- Crime Scene-15 minutes
- Paperwork- 30 minutes

Contestants will have 15 minutes in the scene, 15 minutes in the skills area, and 30 minutes to complete all paperwork.

Contestants must work together as a team without assistance from instructors, other contestants, or observers. Contestants will be disqualified if in violation.