



## Requirements and Restrictions

In order to participate in the **California Invention Convention** in the Spring, there are certain restrictions and requirements. Required documents are found at [www.cainventionconvention.org](http://www.cainventionconvention.org) under the Educators tab.

- The teacher must sign off on the student's **solution**/invention before the student begins building his/her design using the **Intent to Invent** document (on website).
- Remember that animals are not allowed at the California Invention Convention, so if the invention is for animals, it must be demonstrated in pictures – or on a stuffed toy. Demonstrations/presentations may not include human beings or living creatures.
- The display board must be no larger than 24” with the wings folded in.
- Each inventor **MUST** have a **COMPLETE, SIGNED** (by student and teacher) **Invention Log**. (document on website). This log must be kept on an ongoing-basis from the beginning of the project and should reflect the student's invention process. Inventors will be judged on the completeness of the Invention Log
- The invention does not have to be a working model, but the inventor needs to be able to explain how it would work. If it can be **operational**, it should be.
- Inventors may not use lighters, matches, candles or any other open flame or heat source or anything material or liquid considered combustible.
- Inventions may not contain biohazards or utilize any materials that are, or could become dangerous.
- Other restrictions include: electric stun guns, martial arts weapons, guns, replica guns, ammunitions, fireworks, knives of any size, mace, pepper spray, razors, box cutters or balloons.
- In order for the student to compete, he/she **MUST** submit an **unedited video** no later than 2 weeks before the competition. The video is not to exceed four minutes. During this video, the inventor will discuss the problem, the solution and how he/she achieved the solution – as well as any issues that had to be overcome. The invention/prototype and display board can be used as visual aids – along with anything else that helps the student present the invention.