

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY RULES AND GUIDELINES

Theme: "Together We Can"

Deadline: _____

Review or download complete rules and tips for quality recordings at www.wastatepta.org/Programs/Reflections.

GENERAL RULES:

Theme: Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme are acceptable.

Artwork: All artwork must be the original work of ONE student only. An adult may not alter student's work or its creative integrity.

Eligibility: Students must participate in the Reflections Program through a PTA/PTSA in good standing.

Grade Divisions: Students must enter the Reflections Program in the appropriate grade or age division as indicated on the entry form.

Children With Disabilities: There is no special division for children with disabilities. Each local unit and council may establish guidelines for placing a child's artwork in the grade/age division that best matches the child's developmental age. Direct additional questions to the Reflections Chair at your school.

Number of Entries: Each local unit and council may limit the number of entries a student may submit. Direct additional questions to the Reflections Chair at your school.

Judging: All entries are judged on artistic merit, creativity, and interpretation of the theme.

Return of Artwork: Visual Arts and Photography entries will be returned to students. Literature, Dance Choreography, Music Composition and Film Production entries are not returned – please keep a copy.

Copyrighted Material: Use of copyrighted material is prohibited, including cartoon characters and other such material.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism is defined as taking and using another person's ideas, writings or inventions as one's own. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified.

Entry Form: All entries require a completed entry form signed by the entrant and parent/guardian, unless entrant is 18 years or older. Entry form must be on WHITE paper and completely filled out. Write legibly with BLACK or BLUE ink only. Use only WSPTA approved entry form (available at www.wastatepta.org/Programs/Reflections or from your local PTA).

Parent/Guardian Consent Form: All entries require a completed and signed Parent/Guardian Consent form for EACH person under the age of 18 years who appears, performs, or whose name appears in a Reflections entry, whether or not that person is the entrant. Consent form must be on WHITE paper.

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY:

Acceptable forms of dance: Any form of dance, presented as a choreographed dance composition, recorded on a DVD. Up to three dancers may perform the choreography. The choreographer may be the performer or one of the performers, but does not have to be. Costumes are not necessary. If costumes are used, the choreographer must also create the costumes.

Music: The title, composer, and performer of any background music must be credited and documented on the Official Entry Form.

PRESENTATION CHECKLIST:

- _____ Entry may not exceed 5 minutes in length. Recommended length is 3 minutes.
- _____ Submit entry on DVD. Submit TWO copies of DVD. Do not write protect DVD.
- _____ Must be in one of the following formats: .MPG/.MPEG; .MOV/.QT (Quicktime); .WMV (Windows Media Video)
- _____ Save as a FILE on the disc – NOT AS A DVD MOVIE (entry will be disqualified)
- _____ Submit DVD in a plastic container; identify both the DVD & container with the name, grade division, state and year.
- _____ Pack the DVD in a large envelope.
- _____ Entry form completely filled out:
 - ___ Grade, Age, Grade Division, Arts Area
 - ___ Title of Work
 - ___ Artist Statement (required)
 - ___ Length of film (in minutes)
 - ___ Indicate who appeared in the film
 - ___ Credit title, composer and performer of any background music.
 - ___ If a computer was used, indicate the name of software and hardware.
 - ___ Name, Address, Phone, Parent's E-mail
 - ___ Both student and parent must sign entry form, unless student is 18 years or older.
 - ___ PTA Information completed by PTA Reflections Chair
 - ___ Reflections Parent/Guardian Consent Form filled out and signed.
- _____ Staple completed entry and consent forms to outside of envelope
- _____ Turn entry in to Reflections Chair no later than deadline.