

MUSICAL COMPOSITION 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.

MUSICAL COMPOSITION:

Acceptable forms of composition: Voice, instruments, or a combination of voice and instruments, not to exceed 5 minutes in length. Lyrics may or may not be included in vocal compositions. Use of composition software is permitted. Students are strongly discouraged from submitting highly edited MIDI sequences or audio files. Submitted recording must capture performers in real-time. Use of notation software for the purposes of creating scores and printed parts is permitted. Appropriate instrumentation and voicing are required for the performance. Students are not required to perform their own compositions. A student's composed work may be performed by a group.

Works not accepted: Pieces that include imported MIDI or other source files, or use of algorithmic composition software.

PRESENTATION CHECKLIST:

- _____ Entry may not exceed 5 minutes in length.
- _____ Primary and Intermediate entries do not require notation. Iconic (made up) notation may be submitted.
- _____ Middle/Junior and Senior entries require notation, either traditional, tablature, or electronic. The notation should aid the listener and serve as a guide through the piece.
- _____ Score size may not exceed 11" X 14", EXCEPT band and orchestra compositions may be 11" X 16".
- _____ Submit one original and TWO copies of the score.
- _____ DO NOT mount or bind scores.
- _____ All grade divisions must submit two CD recordings of the composition.
- _____ Submit the CD in a plastic container; identify both the CD and container with the student's name, grade division, state and year.
- _____ Pack the CD and score (if required) in a large envelope.
- _____ Entry form completely filled out:
 - _____ Grade, Age, Grade Division, Arts Area
 - _____ Artist Statement (required)
 - _____ Who performed the composition?
 - _____ Did you use traditional instrumentation or a synthesizer?
 - _____ If you included lyrics, how do they work with your composition?
 - _____ 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.