

LITERATURE RULES AND GUIDELINES

Theme: "Together We Can"

Deadline: _____

Review or download complete rules 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.

LITERATURE:

Acceptable forms of literature: Original works of fiction or nonfiction, prose, poetry, and dramatic scripts. Students may have their entries typed by another person as long as the original work or a copy of the original work is attached. Students who are physically challenged or students in Kindergarten or 1st grade may dictate to another person, who may type or write down the original work. Transcribers should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student's original work. Entries must reflect grade-appropriate grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Illustrated entries with pictures drawn by the student are acceptable, however, only literary content is judged.

Translation: Students for whom English is not their first language may submit literature entries in their own languages. An interpretive translation MUST accompany the entry. Translators should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student's original work.

PRESENTATION CHECKLIST:

- _____ Entry must not exceed 2,000 words.
- _____ Entry may be handwritten or typed on any kind of paper, not to exceed 8 1/2" by 11" in size.
- _____ Number all pages.
- _____ Write student's name on the back of each page.
- _____ One original and TWO copies must be submitted.
- _____ DO NOT bind, mount, or laminate pages (**entry will be disqualified**).
- _____ Entry form completely filled out:
 - _____ Grade, Age, Grade Division, Arts Area
 - _____ Artist Statement (required)
 - _____ 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.
- _____ Submit entry in a manila folder with completed entry and consent forms stapled to outside.
- _____ Turn entry in to Reflections Chair no later than deadline.