

# VISUAL ARTS RULES AND GUIDELINES

Theme: "Together We Can"

Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

Review or download complete rules at [www.wastatepta.org/Programs/Reflections](http://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](http://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.

## VISUAL ARTS:

**Acceptable forms of art:** print, drawing, painting, collage, photographic collage, metal etching or punch work, fiber work or computer-generated artwork.

**Works not accepted:** sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, and other three-dimensional artwork. Reproductions or enlargements of other artwork.

## PRESENTATION CHECKLIST:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Artwork must be flat and may not be more than 3/8" in thickness.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nothing three-dimensional may extend off the surface of the work.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Artwork may not exceed 24" X 30", including mat.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Entries may be submitted on paper, canvas board, cardboard, pressboard, or canvas (not to exceed 3/8" thickness).
- \_\_\_\_\_ All paper or canvas entries must be mounted on sturdy cardboard backing. **If entry can be rolled, bent or folded it will be disqualified.** No metal, wood, plastic or glass frames are acceptable.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Protect artwork with transparent cellophane wrap or sleeve designed for artwork (optional). **DO NOT LAMINATE.** Shrinkwrap is not recommended. **DO NOT USE PLASTIC FOOD WRAP.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Entry form completely filled out:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Grade, Age, Grade Division, Arts Area
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Artist Statement (required)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Artwork does not exceed 3/8" thickness
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 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.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Title of Work
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Dimensions of Artwork, including mat (Length, Width)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Name, Address, Phone, Parent's E-mail
- \_\_\_\_\_ Place entry and consent forms in a clear plastic sheet protector (required).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Use masking tape to attach clear plastic sheet protector to back of artwork on TOP of protective cellophane. Leave sheet protector open on one end for easy removal of entry form.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Turn entry in to Reflections Chair no later than deadline.