



National PTA® Reflections

Photography Rules



PHOTOGRAPHY is the process of creating an image. The **photographer** (student submitting entry) is a person who captures their own thoughts and ideas with a camera. By focusing on objects using various lenses, filters and light sources, photographers may demonstrate the use of photographic techniques conventionally or digitally.

Reflect on the 2015-2016 Theme: *Let Your Imagination Fly*

Accepted forms of photography include: A single photo, panoramic, photomontage (one seamless print of multiple original photos), a multiple exposure, negative sandwich or photogram. Original black-and-white and color images are accepted.

Non-accepted forms of photography include: Entries with added graphics over the image, including lettering, are not accepted. Original film (negatives or transparencies) and multidimensional pieces are not accepted.

Consider use of objects, lighting and the location to show a clear relation of the photo to the theme. An explanation of the photography process/form might be a useful addition to the artist statement. Whether an entry displays use of technologies or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme, originality and creativity.

Copyright: Use of copyrighted material, including copyrighted cartoon characters or other such material, is not acceptable in any photography submission, with the following exception:

- Photographs may include public places, well-known products, trademarks or certain other copyrighted material as long as that copyrighted material is incidental to the subject matter of the piece and/or is a smaller element of a whole. The resulting work cannot try to establish an association between the student and the trademark/business/material, or influence the purchase/non-purchase of the trademarked good.

Submission Requirements:

- Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted.
- Each entry must be the original work of one student only.
- Print must not exceed 18x24 inches and 3/8" thickness, including matting.
- Framed photos are not accepted.
- Check Visual Arts vs. Photography: Art with added graphics/lettering over the image must be entered as Visual Arts.
- Entries should be mounted on foam core, sturdy cardboard, mat board, or some other sturdy material.
- Label back of entries with student name, title of artwork, category, division, PTA name and PTA ID number.
- Mark proper orientation on back of entry.
- Original signed and completed student entry forms must be securely affixed to the back of entry in a sheet protector or plastic sleeve, outside any wrapping. Form must be accessible. DO NOT use resealable bags (i.e. Ziplocs).
- Protect entries with transparent cellophane wrap or sleeve designed for artwork. DO NOT laminate or use plastic food wrap. Shrinkwrap is not recommended, if used the student entry form MUST be attached outside of the wrap.

All participants must also follow Official Rules for Participation.