



National PTA® Reflections

Visual Arts Rules



VISUAL ARTS include many art forms that are visual in nature. The **artist** (student submitting entry) is a person who captures their own thoughts and ideas to create a visual piece of art.

Accepted forms of visual art include: Architecture (2D), collages, photographic collages (multiple photos cut/pasted), computer-generated image, design, drawing, fiber work, painting, and printmaking. Reproductions or enlargements of other artwork are not accepted.

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

An explanation of the art form might be a useful addition to the artist statement. Whether an entry displays use of formal technique 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 any copyrighted cartoon characters or likeness thereof, is not acceptable in any visual arts submission, with the following exceptions:

- Visual artwork 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.
- Visual arts collages may include portions of existing copyrighted works, such as photographs, magazine clippings, internet images and type cut out of a newspaper, as long as those portions of copyrighted works are used to create a completely new and different work of art.

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.
- Entries may be created on paper, canvas board, cardboard, hot or cold pressboard, or cut canvas.
- Art may not exceed 18 inches by 24 inches, including a mat, or exceed 3/8 inch in thickness.
- Nothing three-dimensional (fabric, string, noodles, beans, beads, etc.) may move freely off the surface of a work.
- Entries should be mounted on foam core, sturdy cardboard, mat board, or some other sturdy material.
- NO wood, metal, plastic, glass frames, or framed canvas.
- 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.