



## WSPTA ANNOUNCEMENT

WSPTA is pleased to announce the return of the Game Development Competition for the 2020-2021 year.

The WSPTA Game Development Competition is a Washington State PTA STEM-based program that supports student success for students in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades (and select students in 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade). The purpose is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves, either individually or in team, by developing a game, either a physical board game or a computer game.

Eligibility: Students must participate through a local PTA/PTSA in good standing. Parent groups not affiliated with WSPTA are not eligible to sponsor this program. It is the responsibility of the local PTA/PTSA to determine each student's eligibility in the program. A student/team may develop an entry in or outside of school.

PTAS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH STUDENTS AND TO WORK WITH THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY TO HELP STUDENTS HAVE COMPUTER ACCESS. IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT A PTA WOULD NEED A BUDGET LINE ITEM TO SHARE THIS OPPORTUNITY WITH THEIR STUDENTS.

# WSPTA GAME DEVELOPMENT COMPETITION

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL PTAS! WSPTA NEEDS YOUR HELP IN GETTING THE WORD OUT TO STUDENTS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM.

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## GRADE DIVISIONS:

Students in grades 9-12 may participate individually or in teams. Students in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade may compete with a team of 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Teams are encouraged and may have up to 6 members and may be composed of multiple grades. A PTA may have an unlimited number of teams.

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## THEME:

# HOPE



*Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.*

Original image by ESA/Hubble

Martin Luther King, Jr., A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches

All games will be judged based on this theme.

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## JUDGING CATEGORIES:

Best Board Game | Best Computer Game | Arts and Animation | Game Design | Programming (Code) | Audio Design

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## TIMELINE:

- Submissions are due by March 1, 2021
- Winners will be announced early April 2021
- Prizes provided for by a grant

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## REGISTRATION:

Students will register and upload their submission directly to the state level for judging. There is no fee for participating.

Questions? Contact [gamedev@wastatepta.org](mailto:gamedev@wastatepta.org) or check the website: <https://bit.ly/WSPTAGameDev>