



GENERAL STUDENT PARTICIPATION RULES

Students must adhere to the following general rules as well as the rules for their specific arts area.

1. **Theme-** Only NEW pieces of artwork inspired by the theme are acceptable.
2. **Category-** You may submit as many entries as you want into the six categories.
3. **Judging-** Entries are judged on artistic merit, creativity, and the interpretation of the theme – how well the student uses his/her artistic vision to portray the theme.
4. **Originality-** Each entry must be the original work of ONE student only. An adult may not alter the creative integrity of a student’s work. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited.
5. **Artist Statement/Title-** Artist Statement, “How does your work connect to the theme” and the Title are REQUIRED.
6. **Entry Form-** Obtain an ENTRY FORM at the office to accompany EACH entry. Fill it out completely.

PLEASE GET A COMPLETE COPY OF THE RULES FROM THE OFFICE FOR EACH CATEGORY YOU WANT TO ENTER.

LITERATURE

- Not to exceed 2,000 words, submit on 8 ½ X 11” paper only.
- 1 original and 2 copies should be submitted.
- Entries may be handwritten or typed.
- Number all pages, paperclip pages (NO staples or folders).
- Write on one side of the paper only.
- Illustrated entries are acceptable but only literary content is judged.
- Do not mount entries.
- Collections of poems or short stories are not acceptable.
- **See complete rules (in office) for labeling & packing instructions.**

VISUAL ARTS

- ❖ Original print, drawing, painting, collage, photo collage, metal etching, punch work, fiber work, or computer-generated artwork.
- ❖ All art must be flat and not exceed more than 3/8 inch thick (including the mat).
- ❖ Nothing three dimensional (noodles, beads, shells, beans, foamies, etc.) may extend off the surface of a work.
- ❖ Do not exceed 24 inches by 30 inches, including mat.
- ❖ Mount all paper or canvas entries on study cardboard mats.
- ❖ No wooden, metal, plastic or glass frames.
- ❖ Sculpture, ceramics, stained glass, jewelry not accepted.
- ❖ Reproductions or enlargements of other artwork not accepted.
- ❖ **See complete rules for labeling and packing instructions.**

MUSICAL COMPOSITION

- Do not exceed five minutes.
- Submit a CD saved as a .mp3 file.
- K-5; no notation is required.
- Students are not required to perform their own compositions.
- **See complete rules for saving, labeling & packing.**

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

- Dance must be original to the student.
- Do not exceed five minutes.
- Submit on a DVD as a .flv file.
- Student (choreographer) is not required to be the (or one of the) performer(s).
- **See complete rules for saving, labeling, & packing.**

FILM/VIDEO PRODUCTION

- Student must be the director, editor, screenwriter, and cameraperson BUT is not required to appear in the film.
- PowerPoint presentations will not be accepted.
- Do not exceed five minutes.
- Entries should be submitted on a DVD as a .flv file.
- **See complete rules for saving, labeling, & packing.**

PHOTOGRAPHY

- ✓ Must be original (picture taken by the student only) black-n-white or color image, or group of images.
- ✓ Images may be created using various lenses, filters, and light sources. Images should demonstrate the students’ proper use of photographic techniques such as depth of field and exposure.
- ✓ Photographs with added graphics over the image, including lettering, are not acceptable.
- ✓ An entry may not exceed 11 inches by 14 inches, including a mat.
- ✓ Mount all prints on a cardboard mat, poster board, or some sturdy material.
- ✓ Framed entries and multidimensional pieces are not accepted.
- ✓ **See complete rules (available in the office) for labeling and packing instructions.**