



National PTA® Reflections

Photography Rules

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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.

Accepted forms of photography include: A single photo. Original black-and-white and color images are accepted. **Non-accepted forms of photography include:** Collages, collections of photos, and entries with added graphics over the image, including lettering, are not accepted. Original film (negatives or transparencies) and multidimensional pieces are not accepted.

Originality: Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted. Each entry must be the work of one student only.

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.

Presentation: Framed photos are not accepted. Matting is accepted.

- Must not be smaller than 5x7 (with an 8x10 matting) and exceed 11x14 inches, including matting. Mount on sturdy material such as cardboard or poster board.

Packaging:

- Label back of print and digital photo file with your State, Arts Category, Grade Division, Last Name, First Name (Example: PA.DANCE.PRI.SMITH.JOHN).

Local chairs must ensure the following packaging guidelines are followed:

- Tape a sheet protector with the student entry form to the back of the photograph. Cover the entry in clear cellophane wrap. Do not use food plastic wrap and do not laminate the projects. If they are small enough, the projects can be placed directly into the sheet protector.

All participants must also follow Official Rules for Participation.