



National PTA® Reflections

Visual Arts Rules



ILLINOIS PTA

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.

In Illinois, accepted forms of visual art include: Works of both fine and design arts are accepted, including but not limited to: architectural drawing, ceramics, collage, computer generated images and graphics, crafts, drawing, mixed media, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. **2D** artworks must be mounted on sturdy material and no smaller than 8x10 and no larger than 18x24 inches with matting and no more than ¼ inch thick. Framed entries are not accepted. Include one digital image of artwork with your submission. **3D** artwork submissions must contain 3 digital images of artwork at different angles and fit into a 9 x 11.5 x 17.5 copy paper box. Image(s) are used for artwork identification, judging and exhibition purposes. **Note: The decision to accept submissions of 3D art (ceramics, sculpture, or collage) in the visual arts category will be left to each individual local PTA to decide.**

Originality: Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted. Reproductions or enlargements of other artwork are not accepted. Each entry must be the original work of one student only.

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.

Presentation: Framed artwork and artwork containing loose materials is not accepted. Matting is accepted. Stretched canvas is accepted, but not preferred. Entries must not exceed ¾" in thickness.

- Dimensions must not exceed 18x24 inches, including matting. Paper entries must be mounted on sturdy material.

Packaging:

- Label back of artwork 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:

- Cover each visual art entry in clear cellophane wrap. Tape a sheet protector outside of plastic covering with the student entry form to the back of the visual arts entry. 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.