



National PTA® Reflections

Information for Judges



Welcome Reflections Judge!

As a volunteer judge for the PTA Reflections program, we thank you for supporting the arts and cultural exploration of our students. As an expert in your arts area, your enthusiasm contributes to the vibrancy and creativity of our school-community.

You will review entries by arts category and grade division. Each entry is accompanied by title and an artist statement to describe the student's interpretation on the theme. Please reference arts category and division specific rules during your review of entries.

All PTA Reflections program entries are judged on **artistic merit, creativity, mastery of the medium and interpretation of the theme**. Mastery of the medium refers to the level of skill the student demonstrates in the basic principles and techniques of the arts area. However, a well-developed concept is more important than technique. Entries should be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme:

“Let Your Imagination Fly.”

Judging Criteria

Interpretation of Theme	How closely the piece relates to the theme, based on the artwork itself and the artist statement	20 pts
Artistic Merit/ Creativity	How creative and original the piece is in its conception of the theme and its presentation	10 pts
Mastery of Medium	The level of skill demonstrated in the basic principles/techniques of the arts area	10 pts

With these criteria, each entry may receive a total of no more than 40 points from each judge. Please record your points for each entry on the provided score card. **If two entries are tied, the entry with the higher score for interpretation of theme receives more recognition.**

When your review is complete, please submit your scores to the PTA Reflections Chair.