

Instructions for Judges

Welcome Reflections Judge! Thank you for supporting the artistic and cultural exploration of our students by serving as a volunteer reviewer for the PTA Reflections program! Your artistic expertise and enthusiasm contribute to the vibrancy and creativity of our school community. Before you begin, please familiarize yourself with the following criteria, theme and scoring materials.

Review Criteria: All PTA Reflections program entries are judged on three criteria.

- **Interpretation of Theme (40 pts.):** How closely the piece relates to the theme, based on the artwork itself and the artist statement.
- **Creativity (30 pts.):** How creative and original the piece is in its conception of the theme and its presentation.
- **Technical Skill (30 pts.):** The level of skill demonstrated in the basic principles/techniques of the arts area.

Notice how heavily “Interpretation of Theme” is weighted?

This is what makes the National PTA Reflections Arts program unique. A well-developed concept is more important than technique. If two entries are tied, the entry with the higher score for interpretation of theme receives more recognition. Use the provided rubric within this packet to keep your scores consistent.

Student Artwork and Information: The following entry information will be provided to you during your review.

- **Student Artwork:** Use your professional experience to consider each entry completely and, along with the additional information, score based on the review criteria.
- **Title of Artwork and Student’s Artist Statement:** These may provide insight on the student’s artistic style/genre and the materials the student used. Look for personal meaning and reflection on the theme to help you decide the student’s Interpretation of Theme score.
- **Division:** The student’s division may provide insight on student’s range of technical skill, ability and competencies displayed in their submission.
- **Additional Artwork Details:** If noted, artwork details will offer information related to cited material, submission size/length, etc.

Please record points for each entry on the provided score card. To flag questionable entries, contact [Name] at [contact information].

After scoring your assigned entries, please turn in your scores [how to submit scores].

Entry Review Rubric

Criteria / Level	Beginning	Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Advanced
Interpretation	1-8 pts.	9-16 pts.	17-24 pts.	25-32 pts.	33-40 pts.
How closely the piece relates to the theme, based on the work itself and the artist statement.	The interpretation lacks clarity and does not communicate the student's concept.	The interpretation lacks clarity and does not fully communicate the student's concept based on the theme.	The interpretation communicates the student's concept based on the theme.	The interpretation clearly communicates the student's concept based on the theme but lacks meaning, purpose and integrity.	The interpretation clearly communicates the student's whole concept based on the theme with meaning, purpose and integrity.
Creativity	1-6 pts.	7-12 pts.	13-18 pts.	19-24 pts.	25-30 pts.
How creative and original the piece is in its conception of the theme and its presentation.	Work is somewhat original and reflects the theme in very conventional ways.	Work is somewhat original and reflects the theme in conventional ways.	Work is original and reflects the theme in conventional ways.	Work is primarily original and reflects the theme in imaginative ways.	Work is highly original and reflects the theme in unconventional, interesting, imaginative and new ways.
Technique	1-6 pts.	7-12 pts.	13-18 pts.	19-24 pts.	25-30 pts.
The level of skill demonstrated in the basic principles/ techniques of the arts area.	Work demonstrates very limited skill of the arts area.	Work demonstrates limited skill of the arts area.	Work demonstrates capable skill of the arts area.	Work demonstrates expertise of skill of the arts area.	Work demonstrates mastery of skill and knowledge of the arts area.

Entry Score Card

Entry #	Interpretation (40 pts)	Creativity (30 pts)	Technique (30 pts)	Total Score	Notes
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