

Thirty-Third District PTA Reflections: Fall 2024 Check-In

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Reflections Promise

To **help all students** explore their own thoughts, feelings, and ideas, as well as develop artistic literacy, increase confidence, and **find a love for learning** that will help them become more successful in school and in life.



Reflections encourages students of all ages to:

- **Unleash creative talents** and be inspired
 - **Express themselves** imaginatively in their artwork
 - **Experience the fun and joy** of making art
 - **Tap into critical thinking skills** to create art inspired by the annual theme
 - **Receive positive recognition** for their original works of art
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Contact Information & Resources

My contact information - reflections@33rdpta.org.

Protocol for questions:

Unit Reflections Chair → Council Reflections Chair

Council Reflections Chair → District Reflections Chair (ME!)

District Reflections Chair → California State PTA Reflections
Chair

<https://leaders.capta.org/programs/reflections/reflections-resources/>

New Division Title: Accessible Arts

Moving forward, **the Special Artist division will be referred to as the Accessible Arts division.** This change is in response to concern around the term “special,” based on feedback gathered from participants, volunteers and partner non-profit organizations and **recognizes the importance of evolving how we talk about disability to align with and be more inclusive of people with disabilities.**

The Accessible Arts division invites students who identify as having a disability and may receive services under IDEA or ADA: Section 504 to enter in the Accessible Arts Division or grade division most closely aligned to their support needs.

The division offers non-artistic accommodations (e.g. adaptive technology; transcribing) for students to participate fully in PTA Reflections. Assistants must refrain from being involved in the artistic process (e.g. developing an artist statement, choreography, music lyrics, storyboards, etc.). Student recognition and awards are announced as part of the Accessible Arts Division. See Official Rules for details.

Clarified & Updated Guidelines

Materials were updated to provide consistent and clearer guidance around the use of technology and copyright materials in entries:

Use of Copyright Materials:

Guidelines were clarified to explain that, while permitted in certain categories, copyrighted material in an entry must be incidental and/or is a smaller element of a whole and used to create a completely new and different work of art.

Use of Technology: Guidelines were clarified to emphasize that digital technology may not provide the primary design and/or concept for an entry and to indicate that entrants must provide a brief description how they used the technology/software, including any generative elements (e.g., algorithmic techniques, artificial intelligence).

Clarified & Updated Category Guidelines

The category-specific guidelines and student entry packet/form reflect these changes. In addition, the category-specific guidelines also reflect language adjustments, especially the following:

Visual Arts:

Category-specific guidelines now specify "digital art and graphics (drawings/paintings/illustration)," rather than "computer-generated images."

Literature:

Category-specific guidelines now specify dictation is permissible based on the student being able, rather than their age.

Due Dates

Plan for 2-3 weeks before due dates.

Units

Tuesday,
October 15th
suggested

District & OOC Units

Tuesday,
December 3rd
FINAL

Councils

Friday,
November 1st
suggested

CAPTA

Friday,
January 10th
FINAL

Thirty-Third District
PTA and California
State PTA Reflections
are once again
accepting **Digital
Submissions only.**

*Photography and
Visual Arts Award of
Excellence, Award of
Merit and Honorable
Mention pieces will be
physically collected by
the chair the week of
December 16th.*

Know the Guidelines

Student Entry Forms must be filled out completely, have a title and an artist statement.

General Participation, Specific Arts Category and Accessible Arts Division Guidelines must be followed

Artwork must be original and created for the purpose of this program and this year's theme

Only **ONE STUDENT** may create the work and be recognized as the award recipient, but other students may appear in the artwork itself

Students may submit entries in more than one art category and more than one entry in a single art category - but this is up to the school

Common Reasons for Ineligibility

The Local (Unit) PTA is not in good standing with CAPTA.

- *Insurance and Member Dues paid dates*
- *Bylaws Approval Date (must be within the last 5 years so between Sept. 2020 and now.)*

Submission prepared by more than one student

Submission prepared by someone other than the student

Submission entered in wrong Category or wrong Grade Division

Reviewing Entries

- **BLIND JUDGING IS REQUIRED**
- Chairs cannot be Reviewers!

**California State PTA
Virtual Judging
Training! Thursday,
September 26th at
7pm**

***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.

*Note that “interpretation of theme” is weighed more heavily than the other criteria.

A well-developed concept is more important than technique.

Entries should be judged primarily on how well the student uses their artistic vision to portray the theme, rather than their technical skill or creative process.

Awards! The Fun Part!

1st Place - Award of Excellence

2nd Place - Award of Merit

3rd Place - Honorable Mention

Participation

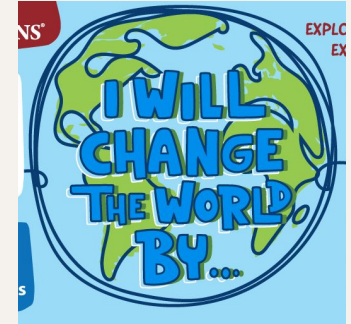
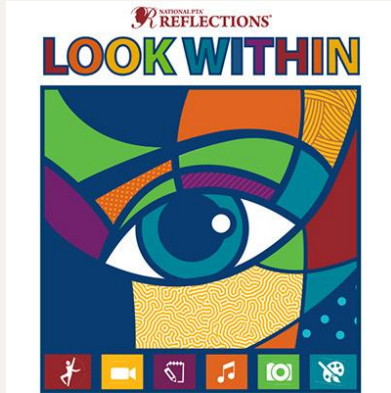


Make sure to celebrate all who participate in your program

How many Awards can be given out?

- The number of awards given out is decided by each Unit.
- However, only the highest scored piece in each Category and Grade Division advances to the next level - Council, District, State or National.

Theme Search for 2026-27



Opens on September 1st and closes on November 1st, 2024 -
California State PTA

<https://capta.org/programs-events/reflections/theme-search/>

Questions?

Thank you for coming!
