Reflections

Welcome to Reflections!

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National PTA Reflections

The Reflections Program was created in 1969 by Mary Lou Anderson.

It was created to encourage students to explore their talents and express themselves in various forms of art.

Reflections is *not* a contest or competition, a recognition of the creativity of our Missouri students!

Art Categories

- Dance Choreography
- Literature
- Visual Arts
- Film Production
- Music Composition
- Photography

Grade Divisions

Primary: Pre-K through 2nd Grade

Intermediate: 3rd through 5th Grade

Middle School: 6th through 8th Grade

High School: 9th through 12th Grade

Special Artist: Pre-K through 12th Grade

Reflections: The Basics

- Register your local unit over at pta.org
- Accept artwork through the Fall
- Enter artwork at pta.org by December 1st
- State judging results announced early Spring
- National winners announced early Summer

Reflections Resources

- Leader's Packet
  - 18-19 Reflections Leader’s Checklist
  - 18-19 Reflections Volunteer Sign-Up
  - Reflections Invitation
  - Call for Entries
- Leader's Guide
- Theme Search
- Student Packet
  - 18-19 Student Packet Instructions
  - 18-19 Reflections Student Form (Fillable)
- Reviewer's (Judge's) Packet
- Additional Resources
- Spanish Resources

Local Leader’s Guide, Student Packet and more available at mopta.org

Artwork in Your Unit

- Recruit a Reflections team!
- Get the word out! Spread the word about Reflections through principal's newsletters, in an assembly, on a school bulletin board, through social media, etc. Get the students excited and involved!
- Encourage students to enter ALL forms of art in each of the different categories!
- Be clear with DEADLINES! Make sure local deadlines align with State deadlines!
- Engage school staff! Art teachers, music teachers, literature teachers, counselors!
- Display the artwork entries, get creative!

Judging Artwork

- Recruit judges! Ask teachers and staff members, PTA parents, other local resources to help judge the artwork.
- CELEBRATE THE WINNERS! Certificates! Ribbons! Yearbook photo!
- Prepare the artwork to be entered in the State program

    Have students complete the Student Entry Form

    Take pictures, scan literature, download music files, etc.
- Thank your judges!

Entering Artwork at pta.org

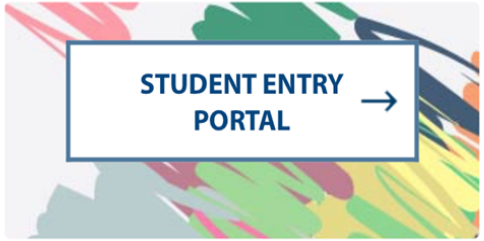
Each Local Unit is allowed to enter three entries per category, per grade division

(For example: 3 entries in Visual Arts from Primary, Intermediate, Middle School & High School Grade divisions)

Student Entry Portal

The **National PTA Reflections Student Entry Portal** is a tool you can use to manage student entries. Your State PTA may use this portal or any other platform to collect Reflections entries from Local, District and/or Council PTAs. However, when submitting entries to the national level State PTAs ***must*** use our **Student Entry Portal**.

If your State PTA chooses to use the National PTA Reflections Student Entry Portal for all levels of state submissions, it is the State PTA's responsibility to provide local units access and directions for use. Feel free to use the **Student Entry Portal Guide (.doc)** to train Local PTA units in using the **Student Entry Portal.**



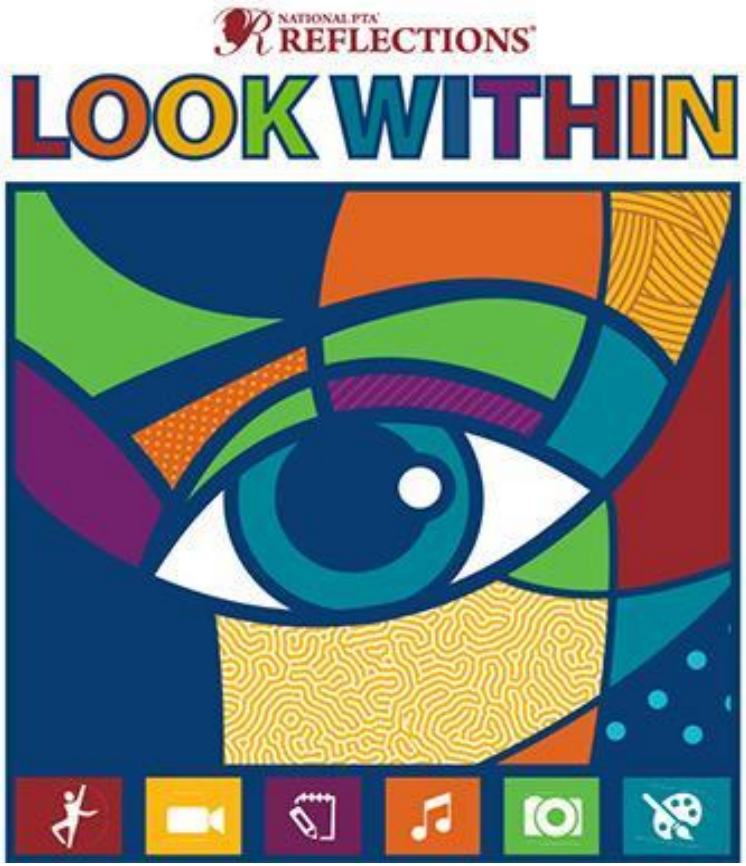
Create Login ID and password, Multiple Chairpersons can have IDs and access

Missouri PTA DOES NOT have access to local leader's IDs or passwords

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

- A unit MUST be in GOOD STANDING! BEFORE the State deadline!
- A unit can find their PTA ID number at pta.org
- Make sure to enter the CORRECT information in the Student Portal

  Spelling of the student's name, Chairperson contact information, etc.
- Missouri PTA is ALWAYS here to help! Never hesitate to reach out with any

  questions, ANY questions!

Get Excited for 2019-2020!