

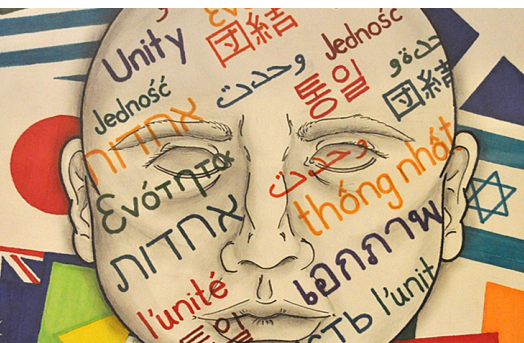


Arts in Education

National PTA believes **EVERY** child deserves a **QUALITY** arts education.

Participation in the arts...

- Levels the playing field for underserved students.
- Develops the whole-child.
- Nurtures creativity and teamwork.
- Connects families and schools to one another and to their communities.



National PTA Reflections®

REFLECT on the theme. CREATE an original work. BE RECOGNIZED!

Since 1969, the Reflections program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to explore their artistic talents by creating works of art for fun and recognition. Annually, hundreds of thousands of students participate in the Reflections program through their local PTAs. Students in pre-school through grade 12 are encouraged to submit works of art in six categories:

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

Local winners in each category go on to compete at the district/region and state levels. State winners are then considered for a National PTA Reflections award, including:

- Outstanding Interpretation Awards
- Awards of Excellence
- Awards of Merit

NEW! Special Artist Division

The Special Artist Division is an optional division of the National PTA Reflections Program for students whose physical, cognitive, or mental health challenges meet ADA guidelines. Please check with your state PTA office regarding state availability. For complete guidelines and rules please visit PTA.org/Reflections.

Theme Search Contest

National PTA sponsors a student-focused National PTA Reflections Theme Search Contest annually to determine a theme for the next year. The winning theme is announced at the National PTA Convention and Exhibition.

Mary Lou Anderson Arts Enhancement Grants

National PTA believes that all children deserve opportunities to explore and be involved in the arts. The National PTA Mary Lou Anderson Grant Program provides matching dollar funding to local PTAs to support in school and after school arts enhancement programs in local communities. PTAs serving at-risk student populations are particularly encouraged to apply. For more information, including grant deadlines, please visit PTA.org/Reflections.

