

Reflections in 5 Steps

1. **Register** at [PTA.org/Reflections](https://www.pta.org/Reflections)
2. **Encourage** ALL STUDENTS to participate.
3. **Coordinate** and review/judge/advance student artwork.
4. **Celebrate** your students (Local, County, State, National PTA).
5. **Wrap up** and report success.



Hillsborough County Council Intake



Tuesday, November 19

10am-Noon

MPR at Roland Park K-8 Magnet

1510 North Manhattan Avenue

Tampa 33607

Second date and location TBA

RSVP on the Facebook Event Page

OR email reflections@hccptaptsa.org to indicate which date/location you will attend.

Advancing Entries

Three Entries from each **Arts Category** in each **Grade Division** (not per grade) can advance to County Council.

Students can enter ONE entry in *every* Arts Category, but not multiple entries in one Art Category.

ARTS CATEGORIES – Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.

AGE DIVISIONS – **Special Artist:** All grades

Primary: Preschool-Grade 2, **Intermediate:** Grades 3-5,

Middle School: Grades 6-8, **High School:** Grades 9-12

Program Details

Entrants must submit their artwork and student entry form to their local PTA/PTSA program according to County Council Entry Requirements.

Entry must contain a completed, signed student entry form with artwork title and artist statement.

Entries must be the original work of one student only – adults cannot help with actual creation / composition of the selected art category.

Only new pieces of artwork, inspired by the current year's theme may be submitted.

Use of copyrighted material is prohibited, except for recorded music in dance choreography and film production entries when title, composer, and performer are cited in the submission. PowerPoint presentations are prohibited.

Title and Artist Statement: Entries will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme, originality, and creativity. The **title** and **artist statement** and “interpretation of the theme” is weighed more heavily than other considerations (creativity and technique). Make sure all entries have a title and an artist description that pertains to the theme - not a description of how the entry was created. Entries that pertain best to the theme will have the greatest possibility of forwarding on to the next tier of judging.

Under no condition may parents or students contact the judges to dispute the status of any entry.

Ownership in any submission shall remain the property of the entrant, but entry into this program constitutes entrant’s irrevocable permission and consent that PTA may display, copy, reproduce, enhance, print, sublicense, publish, distribute, and create derivative works for PTA purposes. Submission of entry into the PTA Reflections Program constitutes acceptance of all rules and conditions. PTA is not responsible for lost or damaged entries.

Entry Form

Complete before distribution - >

Student Information - >

Student & Parent Signatures in ink -

Submission Category & Division - >

Title & Details of Submission - >

Artist Statement - >

Use Hillsborough County Council forms and guidelines (on website)



ENTRY FORM

To be completed by PTA before distribution.

LOCAL PTA _____ LOCAL PTA ID _____
LOCAL PROGRAM CHAIR _____ EMAIL _____ PHONE _____
COUNCIL PTA _____ DISTRICT PTA _____ REGION PTA _____ STATE PTA _____
MEMBER DUES PAID DATE _____ INSURANCE PAID DATE _____ BYLAWS APPROVAL DATE _____

STUDENT NAME _____ GRADE _____ AGE _____ CLASSROOM _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____ EMAIL _____ PHONE _____
MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

GRADE DIVISION (Check One)
 PRIMARY (Pre-K-Grade 2)
 INTERMEDIATE (Grades 3-5)
 MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)
 HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)
 SPECIAL ARTIST (All Grades)

ARTS CATEGORY (Check One)
 DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY
 FILM PRODUCTION
 LITERATURE
 MUSIC COMPOSITION
 PHOTOGRAPHY
 VISUAL ARTS

TITLE OF WORK _____ DETAILS _____

If background music is used in **dance/film**, citation is required. Include word count for **literature**. List musician(s) or instrumentation for **music**. List dimensions for **photography/visual arts**.

ARTIST STATEMENT (In 10 to 100 words, describe your work and how it relates to the theme)



Preparation Details

- All entry and consent forms need to be placed in **sheet protectors** which are **secured (taped) to the back of an 8x11 or 9x12 clasp envelope** (see bottom left photo).
- Place **labeled USB** (Name, Arts Division, Age Category) with images of art inside the 8x11 or 9x12 envelope. Each entry needs to be saved on a USB and enclosed in the envelope.
- Affix **teeth side of Velcro-type tape** (circled in yellow in the photo on the right) to the back four corners of Photography and 2-D Visual Arts entries. Do not tape over and block access to the signed entry and consent forms.
- Protect 2D visual art and photography entries by using **clear plastic document bags**.
- **Label large Ziploc-type bag** with your PTA Name and put all advancing entries and required forms inside (see bottom right photo).
- The purpose of this program is to inspire creativity, not crush hopes and dreams. Please ensure that the forms are filled out properly and that all signatures are in order.
- Student entries that are selected to advance from County to Florida PTA will be uploaded by the County Council. All entries need to be saved on USBs and submitted at intake.





Dance Choreography

Entrant must be the choreographer and may also be the performer, or one of the performers.

Solo and ensemble works of all dance styles are accepted.

If background music is used, cite it on the entry form.

VIDEO

- File must not exceed 5 min. and 1 GB in size.
- Accepted formats: AVI, FLV, WMV, MOV, MP4.
- Make sure entries are recorded in the proper format.
- Label USB (Name, Arts Division, Age Category).
- Make sure students do not introduce themselves on camera! Remove mention of the artist name and school on the recording.
- The lead time should be about 3 seconds before the dance begins.



Film Production

Accepted short film styles include: Animation, narrative, documentary, experimental or media presentation.

Entrant must be the screenwriter, cinematographer, editor and producer.

If background music is used, cite it on the entry form.

VIDEO

- File must not exceed 5 min. and 1 GB in size.
- Accepted formats: AVI, FLV, WMV, MOV, MP4.
- Use of PowerPoint is prohibited.
- Make sure any entries that are recorded are done in the proper format.
- Label USB with name.
- Make sure students do not introduce themselves on camera! Remove mention of the artist name and school on the recording.



Literature

Accepted forms of fiction and nonfiction include: Prose, poetry, reflective essay, screen play and play script, narrative, and short story.

Entrants may write in their primary language as long as an interpretive English translation is also attached.

May contain drawings but will only be judged on the words.

Use of copyrighted material is prohibited.

WRITING

- Must not exceed 2,000 words. Include word count!
- May be handwritten or typed.
- Single-sided print on 8 ½x11" paper - no names or mention of the school on page(s).
- Include on USB saved as a PDF file.
- Label USB (Name, Arts Division, Age Category).
- Include two copies of literature entries. Artist name and school cannot be listed on the front of the literature papers.



Music Composition

All music styles and combinations of instrumentation are accepted.

Music composition must be an original piece (music, beat, rhythm, words, everything).

Entrant must be the composer and may also be the performer, or one of the performers.

Use of copyrighted material is prohibited.

SINGING an original song is an acceptable entry.

AUDIO

- File must not exceed 5 min. and 1 GB in size.
- Accepted formats: MP3, WMA, WAV, ACC, FLAC.
- Label USB (Name, Arts Division, Age Category).

NOTATION

- Required for middle and high school divisions.
- Score/tablature in PDF format.



Photography

The student must take the photo.

Photo must be a single print/digital image.

Collages and collections of photos are not accepted as Photography and must be entered under Visual Arts.

Entrant may use a variety of digital editing techniques including but not limited to, multiple exposure, negative sandwich and photogram.

Photographs with writing and graphics should be considered Visual Arts.

PRINT

- Must be no smaller than 3x5 inches and no larger than 8x10 inches.
- Accepted print formats: Mounted on mat or poster board no larger than 11x14 inches.
- Must be mounted on a sturdy material.
- Framed prints are not accepted.
- Label USB (Name, Arts Division, Age Category).
- The overall dimension and process must be noted on the entry form.

DIGITAL IMAGE

- Dimensions must be at least 640x960 (pixels) and 300 dpi (resolution).
- Accepted file formats: JPEG, JPG, GIF, PNG.
- The overall dimension and process must be noted on the entry form.



Visual Arts

The student must create the artwork.

Works of both fine and design arts are accepted, including but not limited to: architectural drawing and models, ceramics, collage, computer generated images and graphics, crafts, drawing, fashion clothes and jewelry, fiber work, mixed media, painting, printmaking and sculpture.

Overall dimensions of the artwork and medium must be noted on the student entry form.

Use of copyrighted material is prohibited.

If the artwork is not flat, it must be submitted as 3D artwork.

2D WORKS

- Mounted on sturdy material.
- No larger than 11x14 inches including matting.
- Framed entries are not accepted.
- Include one digital image of artwork with your submission.
- Artwork must be flat! If not, submit as 3D entry.
- Label USB (Name, Arts Division, Age Category)
- Artwork with glitter or transferrable media must be wrapped to prevent damage to other art. Protect artwork by wrapping in clear, protective plastic.

3D WORKS

- Include 3-5 digital images of artwork at different angles. Judges will review images.
- DO NOT bring artwork to County Council intake. 3D artwork will not be displayed at County or Florida PTA.



Special Artist Division

This **Special Artist Division** welcomes students from all grades and offers non-artistic accommodations for students to participate fully in PTA Reflections. **Student recognition and awards are announced as part of the Special Artist Division.** Entries are grouped by age groups at the local, county and state level. National PTA groups Special Artists as a whole (Pre-K through 12th in each arts area).

ACCOMODATIONS

- Non-artistic accommodations (e.g. adaptive technology; transcribing; holding a camera)
- Assistants must refrain from being involved in the artistic process (e.g. developing an artist statement, choreography, music lyrics, storyboards, etc.)
- Label USB (Name, Arts Division, Age Category)

Students who identify as having a disability and may receive services under IDEA or ADA: Section 504 may enter in the Special Artist Division OR grade division most closely aligned to their functional abilities.

Celebrate the Arts!

National Arts in Education Week (September 8–14, 2019)

is the perfect time to **kick-off your program** and announce the program's theme: **Look Within**. Share your program kick-off activities with thousands of program leaders across the country by tagging **@HCCPTAPTSA** **#PTAReflections** and **#ArtsEdWeek** on social media.

National Arts and Humanities Month (October)

Encourage participation in the arts! **Offer materials for students to create art** and share your support of family arts events, student clubs and visiting artists by tagging **@HCCPTAPTSA** **#PTAReflections** and **#ShowYourArt**.

Hillsborough County Council PTA PTSA Awards Announcement

Late December 2019

Emails will be sent to Reflections Coordinators and award recipients

Hillsborough County Council PTA PTSA Art Exhibition

TBA

Hillsborough County Council PTA PTSA Awards Ceremony

Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 3pm

Jefferson High School Auditorium

Florida PTA Awards Ceremony

Spring 2020

National PTA Announcement

May 2020

[PTA.org/Reflections](https://www.pta.org/Reflections)

National PTA Celebration Event and Exhibit

June 2020

Annual National PTA Convention



2019–2020
NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS® THEME
LOOK WITHIN
Entries from all grades and all abilities welcome.



Visit [PTA.org/Reflections](https://www.pta.org/Reflections) to learn more and get involved.

The annual Reflections Program theme is selected among entries received in the National PTA Reflections

Theme Search Contest.

Students enter their theme idea via Florida PTA. Florida PTA will advance five theme suggestions to National PTA.

Florida PTA Program Theme deadline

Friday, November 1, 2019

by 5pm