

CT STATE PTSA RULES AND DEADLINES DATES FOR REFLECTIONS 2011

BACKGROUND:

CT PTSA is a strong proponent of the National PTA Reflections Program. We believe each child should have an opportunity to express his or herself in one or more of the six categories.

We are always delighted and impressed with the entries at the state level. Each year Connecticut continues to win national recognition. This is certainly a reflection of the talent and creativity of our students.

Not all entries will receive state or national recognition, however, each and every entry is deserving of acknowledgement and praise. The Reflections Program can help to encourage students to demonstrate their creativity and to work on a project as an outlet for that creativity. There has been much research on the value and impact of arts in education as it relates to student achievement.

INFORMATION AND FORMS:

Please download all forms needed from our website and read thoroughly. On our website you will find a Reflections Program Local Art Chairs Guide for whoever in your school will be running your Reflections program. All needed forms, rules and guidelines are available for all units directly from our website.

After your school judges your entries, you then send all FIRST place winners **only** to the state office. They will then be judged against all first place winners from the entire state. All STATE first place winners will be sent on to National. Judges will pick our first, second, third and honorable mention awards only. We hold all the remaining entries here at the state office until after the Reflections awards ceremony.

Forms must be filled out completely. Make sure the school name is included. Please make sure forms are legible and attached properly to all entries.

To assure your entries are judged deadlines must be met!

**DEADLINE TO HAVE ALL OF YOUR FIRST PLACE WINNERS
TO THE STATE OFFICE IS:
JANUARY 24, 2011**

CATEGORIES: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Musical Composition, Photography and Visual Arts

DIVISIONS: Primary, Intermediate, Middle/Junior, Senior & Exceptional Children

PLEASE NOTE: 1st place literature, musical composition, dance choreography and film production entries that are sent to National are not returned.

Make copies before submitting your entry.

RETURNING REFLECTIONS ENTRIES:

Entries can be picked up at the State office after the Reflections ceremony. (May, 2011) Call us, 203-281-6617 and we will have it all ready for you. The Office is located at 60 Connolly Parkway, Wilbur Cross Commons, Building 12, Hamden, CT 06514 (Exit 60 off the Merit Parkway (turn left, take immediate right onto Connolly Parkway)

FOR UNITS WHO WOULD LIKE THEIR ENTIRES MAILED BACK TO THEM:

Due to the high price of postage, we can only mail back Reflections artwork with prepaid postage. If you mail in your entries, include a check made out to CT PTSA for the amount of postage costs and we will gladly mail back your entries after the Reflections ceremony. If you dropped off your entries, we can also mail back your entries. When you drop off your art work, please indicate you want it mailed back. We can at that time, determine postage costs. We thank you in advance for understanding.

QUESTIONS:

Please call the CT PTSA office at 203-281-6617- or send a question to us via our website at www.ctpta.org or email Annie- (State Reflections Chair) at ab_connecticut.pta@snet.net.

Please Note; CT PTSA cannot be held responsible for entries not picked up by July 31, 2011.