

Night of the Arts Guidelines

In order to help our students, we have tried to simplify and revise the guidelines for Night of the Arts Entries. Please note that there are SEVERAL CHANGES to various categories. Students and their families should carefully read through and familiarize themselves with the sections that pertain to their categories. Each student may submit one entry per major category (but not subcategories such as poetry and stories or dance and musical performance). This allows each student to submit up to seven entries.

*PLEASE READ special changes made to the performing arts categories below.

2012 Theme: “Exploring Your Imagination”

2012 Entry due date: February 9th (performance auditions held the same day)

2012 Event/Awards Night: February 22nd

MAJOR CATEGORIES and SUBCATEGORIES:

Visual Arts (fine arts)

- Painting
- Drawing
- Sculpting

Photography

- Fine Art Photography
- Cinematography

Literary Arts

- Poetry
- Story Writing
- Essays

Performing Arts

- Musical Performance (instrumental and/or vocal)
- Dance Performance (solo or group)
- Dramatic Performance (theatrical, improv, etc)
- Martial Arts

Music Composition

- Music Performance of Original Composition

Scrapbook Art

- Standard sized Scrapbook layouts (single layouts only)

Multi-media Arts

Alternative artistic media such as:

- Fiber arts
- Woodworking
- 3-dimensional artwork and dioramas

Visual Arts

Visual Arts includes most 2-dimensional artwork and sculpture.

2-dimensional art: May be on paper or canvas. The medium must be paint, pen/ink, pencil, crayon, chalk, pastel or a similar art medium. Dimensions may not be smaller than 5 x 6 inches and no larger than 20x30 inches. If the art is on paper, it is required that it be backed by another thicker paper board or paper. Only single-image entries will be allowed in this category.

Sculpture: This category must use a medium of polymer clay, modeling clay, paper mache or other standard clay designed for sculpting. Sculptures must be entirely mounted on a solid surface and able to stand freely without falling over.

Photography

This category consists of either single-image original photography or Film Production.

Photos: Photographs must be mounted on sturdy cardstock backing and fit within the dimensions of between 4 x 6 inches and 11 x 16 inches. Only single-image entries will be allowed in this category.

Film Production/Cinematography: Entries must be submitted on a standard DVD-R or VHS tape. Entries must be between four and ten minutes in length.

Literary Arts

This category includes poetry, stories and essays. Students in Kindergarten–2nd grade are allowed help in writing/typing their entries, as long as the content is all original by the students. All literary entries MUST BE submitted in a report cover, clear plastic sleeve or other protective cover. Entries must contain page numbers if applicable.

Poetry: Poetry may be up to 500 words in length and may be of any variety.

Story Writing: Stories may be up to 10 pages in length and of any literary genre. Stories may contain hand-drawn pictures. Story pictures may be entered in the Visual Arts category as long as separate entry forms are filled out for both categories.

Essays: Essays must be 1000 words or less.

Performing Arts

This category includes all live performing entries except Musical Composition (It is now in it's own category). Instrumental/Vocal performance, dance, gymnastics, martial arts, dramatic performance are all included in this category. All entries in this category may be either solo or group entries. If you are planning to dress up for the event, students must wear the costume/dress attire in preview entry. Time is limited to 1.5–3.5 minutes long, staying within this time-frame is important.

Musical Performance: This includes instrumental music, vocal performance or a combination.

Dance, Gymnastics and Martial Arts: This includes all forms of dance, Choreographed gymnastics floor routines and Martial Arts routines.

Dramatic Performance: This includes all theatrical performance, comedy/improves, magic shows, or other dramatic performing art.

Your own accompaniment should be included. The sound system will accommodate either CD or MP3. We will also provide a piano for students – piano accompaniment is also allowed for performances. Songs with a pre-recorded vocal accompaniment are discouraged. All parts of final performance must be part of the preview performance (audio visual enhancement, etc). *PLEASE READ NOTE ON PERFORMING ENTRIES BELOW.

Music Composition

This category is designated specifically for all students who compose and perform their own music. It may be vocal, instrumental or both. In order to qualify, music must be written in lyrical and/or note form, as applicable. Students in kindergarten–2nd grade may get help from a parent or teacher when writing music, as long as content is originally created by the student. Entries must include page numbers and be placed in a report cover, clear plastic sleeve(s), or other folder.

*PLEASE SEE PERFORMING ENTRIES NOTE BELOW.

Scrapbook Art

Entries in this category allow for any standard size scrapbook layout, 1 or 2 pages. Layout dimension allowances (in inches – per page): 6x6 to 12x12. Layouts must be originals. If they are part of a book, they must be able to be separated from the book when submitted (please do not submit entire scrapbooks). All layouts must be in protective clear plastic sleeves and if 2 pages, must be in 2 sleeves to display both at once.

Multi-Media Arts

This category includes many of the alternative arts or pieces that are not common enough to warrant their own category. It includes fiber arts, 3-D art and dioramas, Woodworking, and other alternative art forms*.

Fiber Arts: Artistic work that is done on or with fabric or fiber. Included in this section is tie-dye, knitting, crochet, batik, weaving.

3-D Artwork: Dioramas, non-traditional sculpture and art crafting and multimedia 3-D art. Dimensions for 3-D art may not exceed 24” wide by 36 ” tall. Art must be mounted on a sturdy surface unless approved otherwise.

Woodworking: Originally designed pieces, no larger than 24x36 inches.

*Other alternative art not mentioned above must be approved prior to submission.

Special Notes for ALL ARTS CATEGORIES:

All entries must be original (except for performing art entries). No kits may be used. Artwork must be stable and sturdy – please keep that in mind when designing your entries.

All entries will be judged on the following:

Interpretation of Theme	5 points possible
Artistic Merit/Creativity/Originality	5 points possible
Mastery of Medium	5 points possible
Overall Effort	5 points possible

Entries will be judged by one or more judges, depending on the category. Night of the Arts insures fairness in judging. No parent of a participating student (within that category) will be asked to judge.

IMPORTANT Changes to Performing arts portion of Night of the Arts:

1. All Performances must be between 1-1/2 (90 sec) to 3-1/2 minutes long.
2. All Performance Previews (entries that will be judged and are due on February 9th) must now be pre-recorded and handed in on a DVD or flash-drive format labeled with:
 - Full Name, grade, exact length of time and title of performance.
 - (Sign-ups for performance previews at the school will no longer be necessary).
3. All previews must be performed EXACTLY as they will be seen on the awards night. This includes all audio/visual aides, costumes, etc.
4. All Performers must introduce themselves and their performance clearly on the preview recording and at the awards event including:
 - Full Name
 - Title of Entry
 - Any explanation that may help the judges/viewers
5. Performance previews must be handed in with a standard entry form (available on website)

These changes have been made for a number of reasons and with careful consideration. Some of these reasons include: ensure fairness, ease of judging and better flow to the event night. If there is a problem with any of the above rules, please contact Marina Nelson.
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