

New for Reflections 2022-2023

There are a few changes to the Reflections program for 2022-2023. First, for Free State only (a recommendation to make this a National change has been sent to National PTA) a change in the restriction for the Photography and Visual Arts areas:

Submissions may not be created using artificial intelligence software (such as DALL-E rotor, hotpot AI, deep AI, Craiyon, nightcafe, or other text-to-art software tools) to generate any part of the content or composition. Content generation, including composition and arrangement, must be the result of student exercise of skills and tools. This does not preclude the use of image painting and editing software such as photoshop, gimp, paint or similar software tools to filter, crop, rotate, or adjust brightness / contrast or color for photography entries. Retouching or compositing may result in photography submissions being re-categorized from Photography to Visual Art.

Second, in the Music Composition area the following is the new description of the required notation for entries: ***Primary, Intermediate, and Special Artist divisions do not require musical notation. The student may choose to submit iconic (“made-up”), traditional, or tablature notation, if desired. Middle and high school grade divisions must include music score/notation, either traditional or tablature, or a written reflective statement that provides a musically technical explanation of how the music was created (100 words or less).*** This now permits a statement to replace traditional notation for Middle and High students. This variance likely applies most certainly to non-traditional instrumentation.

The recommended Judging Rubric point values have changed.

- Interpretation of Theme **(40 pts.)** How closely the piece relates to the theme, based on the artwork itself and the artist statement.
- Creativity **(30 pts.)** How creative and original the piece is in its conception of the theme and its presentation.
- Technical Skill **(30 pts.)** The level of skill demonstrated in the basic principles/techniques of the arts area.

Previously the point levels were 20, 10, and 10. The old total point possible was 40, where now the new total is 100 points. Before Interpretation of Theme counted twice as much as the other criteria, where now Interpretation of the Theme counts as 1.3 times as much as the other criteria, thus decreasing its weight.