



## What Is Reflections?

- Reflections is a national arts program run by the PTA.
- Students reflect on a theme and then create art in any of six different categories: dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts.
- This year's theme is "I Belong!"
- In Livonia, students' work is judged at the district level, according to category and age division.
- Winners at the district level advance to judging at the state level, where they have an opportunity to advance to the national level.
- The age divisions are Primary (Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade), Intermediate (3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade), Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade), and High School (9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade).
- Judging is based on interpretation of the theme, creativity, and technical skill.
- We host an annual awards ceremony to recognize all participants and celebrate the winners.

## How Do Students at My School Participate?

- Your unit appoints a Reflections chair to run the program at your school. This person would provide the rules and entry form to the students at your school.
- The student would then read the rules of the program.
- Once they understand the rules, the student would reflect on the theme and then CREATE!
- They would turn in their entry form (with their artist statement) and their completed work by the deadline in November.

## What Does the Reflections Chair Have to Do?

- The unit chair needs to learn the rules of the program. We will hold a training session over the summer. Stay tuned for date/time/location.
- They promote the program in your school, answer any questions the students/parents have, and collect the submissions in November and turn them in to the council Reflections chair.
- They act as a liaison between council and the students/parents if there are questions.
- They volunteer at the district awards ceremony.
- NOTE: This volunteer position is good for someone who needs flexibility in scheduling or doesn't want a full-year commitment. A lot of the work can be done at home and most of the responsibilities are done by January.

For more information: <https://livoniaptacouncil.org/work/reflections-arts-awards-competition/>

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