



# SUMTER DISTRICT SCHOOLS 2016-2017 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

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## General Information

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The rules and regulations included here apply districtwide. The competition is open to middle school students only.

Theme: CELEBRATE FREEDOM

Due Dates: All artwork is due to school art teachers on or before Monday, November 29, 2016. Private School and Home School students should submit their entries to Colleen Strickland at the Sumter County School Board located at 2680 West County Road 476 Bushnell, Florida.

Award Announcements will be made by Friday, December 2, 2016.

Awards Include:

- Best of Show- The piece of artwork will be sent to the Florida Capitol to be on display during the Legislative session.
- Best Entry (One from each category): South Sumter Middle, Wildwood Middle High, The Villages Charter School, Home School, Private School
- Special Awards: To be determined by individual donors

Artwork must be two-dimensional. Each framed artwork can be **no larger** than **28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep**. If your artwork is selected as the winning piece, it will be sent to the Capitol to be on display during the Legislative session. **Even when framed, it must still measure no larger than the above maximum dimensions.** No framed piece should weigh more than 15 pounds. The Sumter County School District does not require a frame to enter the artwork in the district competition, **if your artwork is selected for display in the Art in the Capitol Competition exhibition, it must be delivered in a frame no larger than 28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep.** All winning artwork must be enhanced and protected by a **sturdy frame**. Frames must be made of wood or metal. No plastic “snap on” or metal frames that can easily come apart are to be used. All artwork, except paintings in oil or acrylic on canvas, must be protected by Plexiglas or glass. The school district will assist in meeting the basic requirements of a frame, but participants if selected, may at their own expense choose to have their artwork framed independently.

Accepted mediums for the two-dimensional artwork are as follows:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
- Collages: must be two dimensional
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated art
- Photographs

Each entry must be **original** in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo or image (including a painting, graphic, or advertisement) that was created by someone other than the student is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted.

Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).

Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the **entire Legislative session** of the exhibition and **cannot** be returned to the students earlier. Students should, therefore, submit artwork they will not need for other purposes. At the end of the Legislative session the winning artwork will be returned to the student.

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## Suitability Guidelines

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As outlined in these guidelines, the final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2016-2017 Art in the Capitol Competition exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by local art teachers without students in the competition. While it is not the intent to censor any artwork, we do wish to avoid artwork that is potentially inappropriate for display in this highly travelled area leading to the Capitol.

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## Student Information and Release Form

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Each entrant must submit a Student Information and Release Form. The Student Information and Release Form is available through the school art teachers or Colleen Strickland at the district office.

The information requested on the first page of the form should be provided as thoroughly as possible. Students should include their mailing addresses, if they differ from their home addresses.

The form requires a description of the artwork, which should be detailed, clearly identifying the major elements of the work. For example, “self-portrait” or “a picture of two people” would be unacceptable, since many artworks would fit those descriptions. The following is an example of a useful description: “A painting of two people; the person on the left wears a green sweater and khaki pants; the person on the right wears a black shirt and a striped skirt. A dog sits at their feet.”

The second page of the Student Information and Release Form contains a legal release and a certification that the artwork is original in design and execution. The student, an art teacher, and a

parent or guardian must sign where appropriate. Entries without signed originality certifications and artwork releases may not be accepted.

A **TYPED** copy of the Student Information and Release Form, signed by the teacher, a parent or guardian, and the student, **must be** securely attached to the back of the artwork to certify the originality of the piece. Please retain a copy for your records.

Each work must have a label with this information securely applied to the back:

School Name  
Student Name  
Address  
Phone Number

Title

Medium

District

Please use the largest label you have available. This information should be typed.

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