TO: School Board Chair  
Division Superintendents  
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FROM: Gina Patterson, Executive Director  

RE: Student Art for Regional Forums  

December 9, 2019  

Your school division is invited to participate in the VSBA Student Art Contest held in conjunction with the annual VSBA Spring Regional Forums. PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ALONG TO YOUR DIVISION’S ART COORDINATOR AND/OR DIRECTOR. Enclosed are:

1. 2020 VSBA Regional Spring Network Forum Schedule  
2. 2020 VSBA Regional Spring Network Forums Art Contest Guidelines  
3. 2020 VSBA Regional Spring Network Forums Art Contest Permission Slip (please duplicate as needed)  
4. List of 2019 Regional Art Contest First Place Winners  
   a. We recommend that the art be picked up at the Spring Regional Forum by a member of the school board or staff from that student’s school division. Student winners can then be honored at a local school board meeting with the parents and art teachers involved. It provides an opportunity to showcase the “good news” in your division.

Please make sure that artwork is at the forum prior to the judging (judging takes place during the social hour; consult your particular forum schedule for time) and that someone is responsible for taking back the art that is not selected.

Artwork selected for 1st will place be framed and displayed on a rotation basis in the offices of the Secretary of Education/State Superintendent and the Virginia School Boards Association throughout the year. It will be returned at the 2020 Regional Spring Network Forum. Again this year: BPA will provide a Visa gift card to all first-place winners in the Art Contest. VSBA staff will follow up with the winners once they are selected.

We look forward to seeing your school division represented in the Student Art Contest. Information on the exact locations of the 2020 VSBA Regional Spring Network Forums will be sent at a later date. If you have any questions, please call Jessica Blythe at 434-295-8722. Thank you for your participation.
### 2020 Regional Spring Network Forum Schedule

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2020 VSBA Regional Spring Network Forums Art Contest Guidelines

Each school division is requested to submit three pieces of student art (one per category). Following are the guidelines for submission of the art to the 2020 Student Art Contest, which is held in conjunction with the Spring Regional Forums:

1. **Acceptable entries must be art or photography** that was created by a student during participation in a school art program. Sorry, no sculptures or 3-D objects.

2. All work must be in a displayable form (matted or mounted) and **covered with material (plexiglass, shrink wrap, etc.) or framed, suitable to ensure it is not damaged during handling.** Please do not laminate your art work.

3. **Art must be no larger that 18" x 24" in size, excluding matting and framing. This will be strictly enforced.**

4. Each piece of work must include the student's name, age, school name, school division, and category (elementary, middle or secondary — as defined by the local school division). This should be on the back of the piece of art, or easily covered for judging.

5. All art pieces are to be delivered to the regional meeting at the start of the social hour by an **attending designee** of the school division (a school board member or division superintendent). Pieces that did not place first in its category must be taken from the meeting by the division designee at the close of the meeting. Artwork may not be dropped off and then picked up at the end of the forum by a non-attendee.

6. Each regional vice-chair will be responsible for seeing that a display area is available for the art.

7. Judging is to be done by a 3 to 5-member jury and may be the regional officers, other school board members of the region, art teachers, or others as selected by the regional chair.

8. Judging should be completed during the social hour and three winners selected (one from each category.) Judging decisions should not be completed until the registration/reception period ends. Ribbons will be provided by VSBA.

9. The winners will be announced during the business meeting.

Winning selections will be framed by the VSBA for display in the offices of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Virginia School Boards Association on a rotating basis. They will be returned to the school division at the 2020 Regional Spring Network Forum. It is recommended that the art contest winners be honored at a special ceremony held in conjunction with a school board meeting. Parents and teachers can attend and be included. This is an excellent public relations opportunity for the board and the superintendent. All winning pieces will be affixed with an engraved plate with the following sample information:

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2020 VSBA Southern Region Elementary Winner
Student Jones
Schoolsville Primary School
Schoolsville County Schools
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If you have questions regarding the art contest, please contact Jessica Blythe, VSBA assistant director of membership services and communication, at 434-295-8722 or jessica@vsba.org.
2020 VSBA Regional Spring Network Forums Art Contest
Permission Slip

If my child's artwork is selected as a winner during the Spring Regional Forum Art Contest, I give permission for the artwork to be framed and displayed for one year on a rotating basis in the offices of the Virginia School Boards Association in Charlottesville, and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Richmond. While every effort will be made to ensure the safety of the artwork, it is understood and agreed to that the VSBA will not be held responsible for any damage to or the loss of the artwork. I understand that, at the end of the year, the artwork will be returned.

________________________________________________________
Parent Signature (required)

Student's Name (please print LEGIBLY and fill all blanks)

________________________________________________________
Home Address: 
City: ___________________________ Zip: ___________________________

Home Phone: ___________________________
Age: ________
School: ______________________________________________________
School Division: ______________________________________________
Title of Artwork (must have a title): __________________________________
Category: _________Elementary _________Middle _________High

IMPORTANT
This form must accompany the artwork to be eligible for judging. Artwork without this form will not be included in the competition.
2019 VSBA Regional Art Contest Winners

BLUE RIDGE
First Place Elementary School
Tyler Daniel Peets
Giles County Public Schools
First Place Middle School
Rachel Keffer
Giles County Public Schools
First Place High School
Kyle Jackson
Franklin County Public Schools

CENTRAL
First Place Elementary School
Mya Woodard
Louisa County Public Schools
First Place Middle School
Rowan Eckhart
Albemarle County Public Schools
First Place High School
Cecilia Palomo
Orange County Public Schools

EASTERN
First Place Elementary School
Colton West
Gloucester County Public Schools
First Place Middle School
Victoria Ray O’Shaughnessy Geier
Lancaster County Public Schools
First Place High School
Violet Kagey
Gloucester County Public Schools

NORTHEASTERN
First Place Elementary School
Sofia Metcalfe
Manassas City Public Schools
First Place Middle School
Jason Lee
Fairfax City Public Schools
First Place High School
Jena Bae
Fairfax City Public Schools

SOUTHERN
First Place Elementary School
Paisley Mann
Appomattox County Public Schools
First Place Middle School
Dylan Cook
Mecklenburg County Public Schools
First Place High School
Paul Wendelin
Charlotte County Public Schools

SOUTHSIDE
First Place Elementary School
Ellekra-Lynn Portch
Dinwiddie County Public Schools
First Place Middle School
Sasha Magazin
Prince George County Public Schools
First Place High School
Mandy Newcomb
Powhatan County Public Schools
SOUTHWEST
First Place Elementary School
Bella Olliver
Tazewell County Public Schools
First Place Middle School
Ava Tuell
Smyth County Public Schools
First Place High School
Alura Dutton
Wise County Public Schools

TIDEWATER
First Place Elementary School
Nataleigh Bardeen
Virginia Beach City Public Schools
First Place Middle School
Zoe Valderrama
Chesapeake City Public Schools
First Place High School
Abigail Ford
Suffolk City Public Schools

VALLEY
First Place Elementary School
Rowen Grandle
Rockingham County Public Schools
First Place Middle School
Abigail Kauffman
Harrisonburg City Public Schools
First Place High School
Cassidy Trippeer
Augusta County Public Schools