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TO: School Board Chairs  
Division Superintendents  
Clerks  
Public Information Officers

FROM: Gina Patterson, Executive Director  
Samantha Bosserman, Deputy Executive Director

RE: Student Art for Regional Forums

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

1. 2024 VSBA Regional Spring Network Forum Schedule
2. 2024 VSBA Regional Spring Network Forums Art Contest Guidelines
3. 2024 VSBA Regional Spring Network Forums Art Contest Permission Slip (please duplicate as needed)
4. List of 2023 Regional Art Contest First Place Winners

Please make sure that artwork is at the forum prior to the social hour (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 First Place will be framed and displayed at the Virginia School Boards Association office throughout the year. It will be returned at the 2025 Regional Spring Network Forum. VSBA staff will follow up with the first-place 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 2024 VSBA Regional Spring Network Forums will be sent at a later date. If you have any questions regarding the Regional Spring Network Forums, please contact Mikaela Coffey at 434-295-8722 opt 7 or [mikaela@vsba.org](mailto:mikaela@vsba.org). Thank you for your participation.

**2024 Regional Spring Network Forum Schedule**

<b><u>Region</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Eastern	March 5	Westmoreland County
Southside	March 7	Petersburg City
Central	March 12	Culpeper County
Southern	March 13	Appomattox County
Blue Ridge	April 17	Roanoke City
Valley	April 18	Winchester City
Tidewater	April 25	Portsmouth City
Southwest	April 30	Washington County
Northeastern	May 8	Fredericksburg City

## **2024 VSBA Regional Spring Network Forums Art Contest Guidelines**

Each school division is requested to submit three pieces of student art (one per category). Below are the guidelines for submission of the art to the 2024 Student Art Contest, which is held in conjunction with the Spring Regional Forums:

1. **Acceptable entries must be art or photography** that were 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 artwork.
3. **Art must be no larger than 18" x 24" in size, excluding matting and framing. This will be strictly enforced.**
4. Each piece of work must include on the back of the artwork the student's name, age, school name, school division, and category (elementary, middle, or secondary/high — as defined by the local school division).
5. All art pieces are to be delivered to the regional meeting prior to 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 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 work with the host division to confirm that a display area is available for the art.
7. Judging is to be done by a 3-to-5-member jury that will be selected by the regional chair and vice 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 Virginia School Boards Association office. They will be returned to the school division at the 2025 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 school division. All winning pieces will be affixed with an engraved plate with the following sample information:

2024 VSBA Southern Region Elementary Winner  
Student Jones  
Schoolsville Primary School  
Schoolsville County Schools

If you have questions regarding the art contest, please contact the Communications Office, at 434-295-8722 or [communications@vsba.org](mailto:communications@vsba.org).



**2024 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 Virginia School Boards Association office in Charlottesville. While every effort will be made to ensure the safety of the artwork, it is understood and agreed that the VSBA will not be held responsible for any damage to or loss of the artwork. I understand that, at the end of the year, the artwork will be returned.

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**Parent Signature (required)**

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

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**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Division:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Artwork (*must have a title*):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Category:** \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary/High School

**IMPORTANT**  
**This form must accompany the artwork to be eligible for judging. Artwork without this form will not be included in the competition.**



## 2023 VSBA Regional Art Contest Winners

### **BLUE RIDGE**

First Place Elementary  
Liberty Brackenrich  
Giles County Public Schools

First Place Middle School  
Abby Jones  
Salem City Public Schools

First Place High School  
Nicole Frye  
Alleghany Highlands Public Schools

### **CENTRAL**

First Place Elementary  
Ariana Mulcahy  
Madison County Public Schools

First Place Middle School  
Leah Lamb  
Orange County Public Schools

First Place High School  
Nick Galasso  
Madison County Public Schools

### **EASTERN**

First Place Elementary  
Johnae Brown  
King and Queen County Public Schools

First Place Middle School  
Gabrielle Burnett  
Northumberland County Public Schools

First Place High School  
Tatum Branch  
Gloucester County Public Schools

### **NORTHEASTERN**

First Place Elementary  
Caiden Gist  
Manassas City Public Schools

First Place Middle School  
Maricielo Santiago  
Manassas City Public Schools

First Place High School  
Anna McMahon  
Alexandria City Public Schools

### **SOUTHERN**

First Place Elementary  
Crew White  
Bedford County Public Schools

First Place Middle School  
Jackson Alderson  
Pittsylvania County Public Schools

First Place High School  
Harper Ballance  
Halifax County Public Schools

### **SOUTHSIDE**

First Place Elementary  
Anani Oronoz  
Prince George County Public Schools

First Place Middle School  
Emily Thomas  
Powhatan County Public Schools

First Place High School  
Hollie Raum  
Hanover County Public Schools

### **SOUTHWEST**

First Place Elementary  
Caylee Couch  
Russell County Public Schools

First Place Middle School  
Chadyn Musick  
Russell County Public Schools

First Place High School  
Jacklyn Bradford  
Lee County Public Schools

### **TIDEWATER**

First Place Elementary  
Mara Dillenburg  
Virginia Beach City Schools

First Place Middle School  
Kayla Spruill  
Virginia Beach City Public Schools

First Place High School  
Grace Miller  
Virginia Beach City Public Schools

### **VALLEY**

First Place Elementary  
Gregory Gil  
Frederick County Public Schools

First Place Middle School  
Zoe Earl  
Rockingham County Public Schools

First Place High School  
Diana Zudilin  
Rockingham County Public Schools