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Virginia School Boards Association

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TO: School Board Chair
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 ALONG TO YOUR DIVISION'S ART COORDINATOR AND/OR DIRECTOR. Enclosed are:

1. 2023 VSBA Regional Spring Network Forum Schedule
2. 2023 VSBA Regional Spring Network Forums Art Contest Guidelines
3. 2023 VSBA Regional Spring Network Forums Art Contest Permission Slip (please duplicate as needed)
4. List of 2022 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 on a rotation basis in the Virginia School Boards Association office throughout the year. It will be returned at the 2024 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 2023 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. Thank you for your participation.

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2023 Regional Spring Network Forum Schedule

Region	Date	Location
Central	March 1	Albemarle County
Eastern	March 2	Essex County
Southern	March 7	Mecklenburg County
Southside	March 9	Prince George County
Valley	April 11	Staunton City
Tidewater	April 24	Isle of Wight
Southwest	April 27	Smyth County
Blue Ridge	May 4	Henry County
Northeastern	May 9	Alexandria City

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2023 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 2023 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 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 — 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 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 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 on a rotating basis. They will be returned to the school division at the 2024 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:

2023 VSBA Southern Region Elementary Winner
Student Jones
Schoolsville Primary School
Schoolsville County Schools

If you have questions regarding the art contest, please contact Kenita Matthews, Director of Communications, at 434-295-8722 or kenita@vsba.org.

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2023 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 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.

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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 School

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

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2022 VSBA Regional Art Contest Winners

BLUE RIDGE

First Place Elementary Winner
Cora Mosby
Radford City Public Schools

First Place Middle School
Lillian Turner
Henry County Public Schools

First Place High School
Carys DeRolf
Roanoke County Public Schools

CENTRAL

First Place Elementary
Leland Truslow
Albemarle County Public Schools

First Place Middle School
Lily Perry
Nelson County Public Schools

First Place High School
Brenna Kidd-Bania
Fluvanna County Public Schools

EASTERN

First Place Elementary
Adelyn Rice
King William County Public Schools

First Place Middle School
Oakley Reifsnider
King and Queen County Public Schools

First Place High School
Virginia Anderson
Gloucester County Public Schools

NORTHEASTERN

First Place Elementary
Emili Ruiz Hernandez
Spotsylvania County Public Schools

First Place Middle School
Alanis Rivera
Spotsylvania County Public Schools

First Place High School
Grace Ha
Stafford County Public Schools

SOUTHERN

First Place Elementary
Sarah Vick
Mecklenburg County Public Schools

First Place Middle School
Kylin White
Pittsylvania County Public Schools

First Place High School
TyKayla Dye
Halifax County Public Schools

SOUTHSIDE

First Place Elementary
Nevaeh Fernandez
Cumberland County Public Schools

First Place Middle School
Heidi Pierce
Richmond City Public Schools

First Place High School
Jason Engel
Hanover County Public Schools

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SOUTHWEST
First Place Elementary
Ashlynn Smith
Carroll County Public Schools

First Place Middle School
Madison Smith Pagan
Carroll County Public Schools

First Place High School
Charli Carpenter
Bristol City Public Schools

TIDEWATER
First Place Elementary
Kenneil Rankine
Portsmouth City Public Schools

First Place Middle School
Sofia Cateternam
Virginia Beach City Public Schools

First Place High School
Jada Kimble
Portsmouth City Public Schools

VALLEY
First Place Elementary
Harper Poole
Frederick County Public Schools

First Place Middle School
Myla Vessels
Augusta County Public Schools

First Place High School
Francesca Mehegan
Harrisonburg City Public Schools