



PTA Reflections Program Information

(Information sent to schools by the Wake County PTA Council)

Please read whether your School PTA is involved in this or not - Thanks!!!!

All Arts and A.G. teachers should be aware of this program

The National PTA believes all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in its **annual arts Reflections Program**. This program was begun in 1969 and has been a vital entity ever since. The program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students ages pre-school through grade 12 are encouraged to create and submit works of art in four areas: **literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts**. The program has encouraged millions of students across the nation and in American schools overseas to create works of art.

Wake County has participated in this **Reflections Program** individually as local PTA units, and as a PTA Council (the County PTA) almost as long; however, never have all of the schools participated. In an effort to organize and educate all of the PTAs and the schools across Wake County about the **Reflections Program, workshops are offered to help assist parents and teachers in June and August**. It is hoped that every school and student will have the opportunity to participate each year.

Because the arts are encouraged through creative thinking many areas of skills and curriculum are covered. Six of the guidelines from the Wake County Public Schools' document entitled "Principles of Differentiating Curriculum for the Academically Gifted Students," and four of Gardner's Multiple Intelligences are utilized and others are integrated through this program according to many educators. Also, the obvious fine arts are captured within the four categories.

If your school/PTA has not participated in the **Reflections Program** in the past, and you would like additional information, please contact the Wake County PTA Council to help you begin this program. It is extremely helpful to have teachers involved as a liaison between the PTA/PTSA and the school staff.

The **Reflections program** offers recognition from the local school level to the county, state and then national levels. For those students who place at the national level there are also opportunities for scholarships! Each student may enter as many times as he/she chooses, so the "sky is the limit" as long as they fill out an entry form, follow the requirements, and "stick" with the theme!

If you already have this program, but would like to improve it, please contact the Wake County PTA Council for assistance. Thank you for all of the special things you do for children and the arts!

Workshops are usually offered each summer.

Please remember that seating is limited to 30 per workshop. Please reserve your place!

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