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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 Contest 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. 2025 VSBA Regional Spring Network Forum Schedule
2. 2025 VSBA Regional Spring Network Forums Art Contest Guidelines
3. 2025 VSBA Regional Spring Network Forums Art Contest Permission Slip (please duplicate as needed)
4. List of 2024 Regional Art Contest First Place Winners

Please make sure that all submitted artwork complies with the guidelines, and that the 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 ensure that someone is responsible for taking back the art that is not selected.

**The representative from the school division bringing the artwork must stay the entire forum. No artwork can be dropped off and picked up.**

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 2026 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 2025 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.

## **2025 Regional Spring Network Forum Schedule**

<b><u>Region</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Eastern	March 4	Caroline County
Southside	March 12	Dinwiddie County
Central	March 18	Buckingham County
Southern	March 26	Campbell County
Blue Ridge	April 2	Franklin County
Tidewater	April 22	Newport News City
Southwest	April 29	Washington County
Valley	May 1	Page County
Northeastern	May 14	Prince William County

## **2025 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 art to the 2025 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. If entries are larger than this, they will be disqualified.**
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 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 2026 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:

2025 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).

**2025 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 at 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 \_\_\_\_\_ High School

<p><b>IMPORTANT</b> This form <u>must</u> accompany the artwork to be eligible for judging. Artwork without this form will not be included in the competition.</p>
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## 2024 VSBA Regional Art Contest Winners

### **BLUE RIDGE**

First Place Elementary School  
Mallory Hale  
Alleghany Highlands Public Schools

First Place Middle School  
Derek Gordon  
Roanoke County Public Schools

First Place High School  
Trent Hollandsworth  
Radford City Public Schools

### **CENTRAL**

First Place Elementary School  
Madison Shifflett  
Buckingham County Public Schools

First Place Middle School  
Lailee Pollard  
Nelson County Public Schools

First Place High School  
Irene Sanchez  
Culpeper County Public Schools

### **EASTERN**

First Place Elementary School  
Kannon West  
Essex County Public Schools

First Place Middle School  
Addison Wymer  
Gloucester County Public Schools

First Place High School  
Alayna Holcomb  
Northumberland County Public Schools

### **NORTHEASTERN**

First Place Elementary School  
Hamdan Abdul-Nasir  
Manassas City Public Schools

First Place Middle School  
Jacob Xu  
Fairfax County Public Schools

First Place High School  
Belen Tellez  
Loudoun County Public Schools

### **SOUTHERN**

First Place Elementary School  
Madelyn Tucker  
Appomattox County Public Schools

First Place Middle School  
Jude Wellman  
Campbell County Public Schools

First Place High School  
Cameron Feyerherd  
Amherst County Public Schools

### **SOUTHSIDE**

First Place Elementary School  
Christianna Owens  
Colonial Heights Public Schools

First Place Middle School  
Ashlyn Price  
Nottoway County Public Schools

First Place High School  
Kayla Dean  
Dinwiddie County Public Schools

### **SOUTHWEST**

First Place Elementary School  
Luna Childers  
Carroll County Public Schools

First Place Middle School  
Ava Chapman  
Washington County Public Schools

First Place High School  
Sophie Beth Hanks  
Galax City Public Schools

### **TIDEWATER**

First Place Elementary School  
Klara Lynch  
Northampton County Public Schools

First Place Middle School  
Olivia Hyde  
York County Public Schools

First Place High School  
Olivia Kennon  
Virginia Beach City Public Schools

### **VALLEY**

First Place Elementary School  
Lyla Clark  
Augusta County Public Schools

First Place Middle School  
Mariel Jannuzzi  
Frederick County Public Schools

First Place High School  
Chloie Burnett  
Augusta County Public Schools