



National PTA® Reflections

Dance Choreography Rules



DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY is the act of creating movement. The **choreographer** (student submitting entry) may be the performer or one of the performers, but the choreographer does not have to perform in the entry.

Reflect on the 2015-2016 Theme:

Let Your Imagination Fly

Consider the following styles and ensembles to portray your original choreography: Ballet, contemporary, ethnic and folk, hip hop, jazz, and tap.

Consider use of background song(s), props and the location to show a clear relation of the dance choreography to the theme. An explanation of the origin of the dance and/or the significance of the choreography might be a useful addition to the artist statement when submitting a dance choreography entry that involves traditional, cultural or regional dances. Whether an entry displays formal dance technique or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme, originality and creativity.

Suggestions for Audio/Visual Quality:

- Use a tripod to hold the camera still.
- Make sure there is plenty of lighting, especially if shooting indoors.
- Turn off all noise-making devices in the room (air conditioners, fans, telephones, etc.).
- Record a short test and watch it. If needed, change the record volume or microphone location.
- Make sure the background music (if any) is audible on the recording.
- Allow for two seconds of silence at the beginning and end of your recording.

Copyright: Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified. Use of background music must be cited on the student entry form.

Submission Requirements:

- Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted.
- Each entry must be the original work of one student only.
- **Video must NOT exceed 5 minutes** in length and 1GB (one gigabyte) in file size.
- Accepted file formats include: AVI, MOV, MPG, MPEG, MP4, WMV, FLV and F4V.
- Cite background music (if any) on the Student Entry Form.
- Label CD/DVD/flash drive with title of artwork, arts category, and division.
- **Submit artwork to school:**
 - **Entry must be submitted in a manila envelope (10 inch x 13 inch)**
 - **Tape a plastic sheet cover to the outside of the manila envelope**
 - **Put labeled CD/DVD/flash drive into the envelope.**
 - **Slide Student Entry Form and Artist Statement page into plastic sheet cover.**

All participants must also follow Official Rules for Participation.