

**National PTA Reflections Program
2011-2012
"Diversity Means..."**

New York State Special Education Category Rules

For the purposes of judging Reflections entries, New York State PTA refers to the term Special Education as: **Those students identified as requiring additional services to meet and maintain basic educational standards.**

- Eligible Special Education students may enter in, but are not limited to, the Special Education category. Students who are identified as gifted and talented are not eligible for the Special Education category.
- Students entering the Special Education category may participate in any of the arts areas recognized by National PTA -Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Musical Composition, Photography and Visual Arts.
- Special Education entries must designate on the Student Entry form that they are entering the Special Education category and include the developmental grade to ensure proper grade level mainstreaming for judging.
- All Special Education entries must adhere to the General Student Participation Rules and Arts Area Rules, in addition to the Special Education Rules. For example, students with a developmental grade above the fifth grade must submit a musical score if entering in the Musical Composition category.
- All Special Education entries forwarded to the state level will be judged in their Arts Area category according to the developmental grade level indicated on the Student Entry form.
- Winning entries at the state level, entered through the Special Education category, will be recognized in the Arts Area category the entry was judged.
- In conforming to the other six categories, local units may submit a maximum of three (3) Special Education entries, in any combination of arts areas for the next level of judging.