

Simpson Elementary Reflections

The following are a summary of important rules and guides at Simpson Elementary. Please also review National PTA Reflections Official Rules. See Simpson Elementary "Important Rules and Guides" for detailed instructions. Please contact reflections@simpsonespta.org if you have any questions.

2023 - 2024 Theme – "I Am Hopeful Because..."

*Parents! Please be advised: All entries that win at the school level and proceed to the Area 2 Gwinnett **may be required to be submitted in digital format.** Due to the number of entries Simpson receives each year (over 90 entries advanced to Area 2 last year), we are asking you to please follow the instructions below so that if your child's entries place 1st or 2nd at Simpson, you can email us the digital copies.*

General Rules

- Please make sure to fill out the entry form completely. Make sure to sign the form. **We need both your child's signature and your signature (parent/guardian).**
- Entry Form: An "Official Entry Form" MUST be attached to each entry, AND, you must **SCAN and SAVE your child's entry form** should you advance to Area 2 competition.

Visual Arts

2D

- Entries must be matted/mounted. Shrink or cellophane wrapping is required.
- Size – must not be larger than 24" x 30" (including matting).
- 2D art with 3D elements glued to artwork (ex. Pasta, rhinestones, string, etc.) is considered 3D.
- **Take a DIGITAL photo of their entry should you advance to Area 2 competition.**
- **Scan and save your child's entry form.**

3D

- Entries must be protected and be able to move for display purposes.
- Entries can be no larger than 18" x 18" x 18".
- 3 photos of the entry (a combination of angle) must accompany the entry.
- Entries that require assembling/repairing will be disqualified.
- We are not responsible for any damages that may occur during transportation to and from our judge.
- **Take THREE (3) clear photos at different angles of their entry should you advance to Area 2 competition.**
- **Scan and save your child's entry form.**

Photography

- The minimum size of the photograph is 3" x 5" and the maximum is 8" x 10".
- The maximum size of the entry is 11" x 14" (including matting).
- Entries must be matted/mounted. Shrink/cellophane wrapping is required.
- **Save a DIGITAL COPY of the photograph should you advance to Area 2 competition.**
- **Scan and save your child's entry form.**

Literature

- Writing must not exceed 2,000 words and maybe handwritten or typed.
- 1 original and 3 copies of the writing AND entry form must be included.
- **Save a DIGITAL COPY of your child's entry should you advance to Area 2 competition.**
- **Scan and save your child's entry form.**

Dance Choreography

- Entries may not exceed 5 minutes and maximum upload size of 1GB.
- Submit a thumb drive.
- Anyone can video the student. Recital entries are not allowed.
- Accepted file formats include: AVI, MOV, MP4, WMV, and FLV.

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- Scan and save your child's entry form.

Film/Video Production

- Entries may not exceed 5 minutes and maximum upload size of 1GB.
- Submit a thumb drive.
- The student submitting the entry is not required to appear in the video. If the student appears in the Film, make sure that it states that a tripod was used. Mom or Dad or another person cannot videotape the entrant. The idea is that the entrant is the director and producer. Hence, mom or dad cannot video tape the entrant.
- Accepted file formats include: AVI, MOV, MP4, WMV, and FLV. Save as a file on the DVD, not as a DVD movie.
- Save a DIGITAL COPY of your child's entry should you advance to Area 2 competition.
- Scan and save your child's entry form.

Music Composition

- Format: Accepted audio file formats include: MP3, WMA, WAV, ACC (M4A) and FLAC.
- Save as a file on the thumb drive. Please do not submit a DVD of the student.
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- Scan and save your child's entry form.