**2024 SOLANO COUNTY STUDENT ART FAIRE GUIDELINES**

* A school must register intent to participate by January 26, 2024 to enter artwork into the exhibit.
* A school is defined by the CDE School ID number; schools with multiple campuses but one ID number will be counted as one school.
* Each school must provide only one (1) representative to serve as a direct contact (Art Advisor) between the school and the Art Faire.
* The Art Advisor represents the school and agrees to work with other art instructors on campus to select artwork collectively to be exhibited to best represent their school.
* ONLY artwork submitted by the school’s Art Advisor will be accepted.
* Artwork should be the best representation of the school’s Art Curriculum.
* ONLY original artwork will be accepted. Original artwork is a piece the student created whether a drawing, painting, sculpture and/or other form – it can be an interpretation of a famous piece (for example a student’s recreation of a *Starry Night* by Van Gogh).
* Schools that serve 4th – 6th grades may enter a maximum of ten (10) pieces of artwork (one entry per student, per category).
* Schools that serve 7th – 8th grades may enter a maximum of fifteen (15) pieces of artwork (one entry per student, per category).
* Schools that serve 9th – 10th grades may enter a maximum of twenty (20) pieces of artwork (one entry per student, per category).
* Schools that serve 11th – 12th grades may enter a maximum of twenty (20) pieces of artwork (one entry per student, per category).
* Schools may register an additional fifteen (15) pieces of artwork in a special division for Neurodiverse Learners.
* Alternative education campuses may enter fifteen (15) pieces of artwork in a separate judging division rather than entering their work in the divisions by grade.
* Online registration is required for each piece of artwork. No other registration option is available. **Registration will open Monday, March 4 and close Friday, April 19, 2024. No extensions will be permitted.**
* **IMPORTANT!** The advisor is responsible for receiving appropriate approval to share student information (name, grade, school, artwork).
* **ARTWORK MUST BE READY FOR DISPLAY.**
  + Artwork must have a completed identification label attached to the back of each art piece.
  + Artwork must be mounted and/or matted. Mats cannot be more than two inches in width (no frames, no glass, or plastic coverings) around the artwork. Artwork must be equipped with appropriate hanger(s) for display.
  + Artwork must not exceed 36 inches x 36 inches matted.
  + The maximum weight for ceramics and sculpture is five (5) pounds. Free standing ceramics/sculpture should be based (bottom heavy) for proper stability and display.
  + All artwork must be approved by the Youth Development department for content.
* **Artwork must be delivered to:**

McCormack Hall, Solano County Fairgrounds (900 Fairgrounds Drive, Vallejo) on Tuesday, May 7, or Wednesday, May 8, from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Plan ahead and make an appointment to deliver your artwork by clicking the [Reservation Link](https://forms.gle/VayMAbiU9S5RAima8).

* **Artwork MUST be picked up on Monday, May 20, 2024, between 12:00 PM and 5:00 PM.**
* Solano County Office of Education and all other sponsoring agencies accept no liability of damaged or lost work or artwork that is left behind.

**DIVISIONS: (see next page for definition of divisions)**

Division I (Grades 4-6) Division II (Grades 7-8)

Division III (Grades 9-10) Division IV (Grades 11-12)

Division V (Neurodiverse Learners) Division VI (Alternative Education)

**CATEGORIES:**

* (CA) Computer Art
* (CL) Clay
* (D1) Drawing I: graphite, charcoal, conte crayon, ink, scratchboard.
* (D2) Drawing II: colored pencil, soft pastel, oil pastel, crayon, markers.
* (FI) Fiber
* (MM) Mixed Media
* (P1) Painting I: oil, acrylic.
* (P2) Painting II: watercolor, tempera
* (PH) Photography
* (SC) Sculpture

**JUDGING:**

Judging is based on specific criteria, which all judges follow. These criteria include: “Creative Use of Medium” and “Effective Use of the Elements of Design” (line, shape, texture and composition, unity, balance, neatness and accuracy, and color).

**AWARDS:**

Ribbons will be given to First Place, Second Place, Third Place, Honorable Mention, and Best of Show winners (one per division). Students will receive their ribbons after the exhibit from their school.

**ART EXHIBIT:**

An Art Exhibit will be open for public viewing on **Saturday, May 18, 2024, from 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM.**

**DEFINITION OF DIVISIONS:**

**Divisions I-IV:**

* Traditional schools that serve 4th – 12th grades.
* Division I is limited to a maximum of 10 entries per school.
* Division II is limited to a maximum of 15 entries per school.
* Divisions III and IV are limited to a maximum of 20 entries per division, per school.

**Division V:**

* Neurodiverse Learners. Students with neurodiverse learning profiles may have an IEP or 504 plan and may be enrolled in special education programs or mainstreamed into traditional classrooms.
* Each school or program may enter a maximum of 15 entries.

**Division VI:**

* Alternative Education are students that are enrolled in an alternative high school diploma program.
* Each school or program may enter a maximum of 15 entries.