

## **Self Determination Symbol Art Contest Criteria**

### **Eligibility**

- Any student in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade

### **Themes**

- A “Symbol of Statehood”
- A “Symbol of Free Association”
- A “Symbol of Sovereignty”

### **Originality**

All work must be created by the student with/without the assistance of parents. The entry must be conceptualized, developed, and completed by the student. If a parent or teacher has any doubt about the originality of the symbol, it should not be submitted. No plagiarism will be accepted.

### **Guidelines**

- A student can only choose one theme and draw a symbol of what this theme means to him/her.
- Symbols Art can be two or three dimensional and must be completely dried or fixed.
- Maximum entry size is 24 inches by 36 inches.
- Each student may submit one piece of symbol artwork, in any of the following media:

#### **Drawing**

Colored ink, pastel, crayon, chalk, marker, or charcoal. Pastels and charcoal must be protected with a fixative spray.

#### **Painting**

Acrylic, watercolor, oil, other plastic paints.

### **Preparing Symbol Artwork for Entry**

The symbol artwork submitted to the Student Symbol Art Contest is grouped and judged in the following divisions: Division I: Grades K-3, Division II: Grades 4-5

### **Entry Fee**

There is no entry fee for the student Art Contest.

## **Forms**

All entrants must accurately complete entry forms signed by student, parent/guardian and teacher. Forms should be affixed to the back of every piece of symbol artwork that will be submitted for final judging. Please note that the students' artwork will first be submitted to the school art teacher for pre-judging, and then forwarded for final judging.

## **Judging Criteria:**

The entries will be judged according to the following criteria. Each Criterion is weighted equally.

### **1) Originality and Creativity**

There is evidence of imagination, individuality and creativity. The artwork is distinct and concept presented is unique

### **2) Technique**

The student utilizes media and tools competently to enhance the appearance of the work.

### **3) Clarity of Theme**

The work combines technique, expression and organization through artistry to achieve an effective interpretation of the theme.

### **4) Organization and Presentation**

The use of elements and principles of art are used effectively and selectively to enhance the overall appearance of the Symbols. The Symbol presentation is in accordance with the theme of the competition.

Note: Jurors have the right to exclude any work from consideration in the contest if there is proof of plagiarism or inappropriate messaging. . The jurors will judge all finalists based on the criteria listed under Judging Criteria.

## **Final Selection**

Final selections will be made solely on the consensus of the panel of jurors.

2016 Student Symbol Art Contest Entry Form

First Name:	Last Name (s):
Age:	Grade:
Parent/Guardian:	Contact Number:
Name of School:	
Art/Social Studies Teacher Name:	Art/Social Studies Teacher Email:
Media Used:	
Description( 50 Words or Less)	