



SCHOOL ART DEPARTMENT

Please Read **ALL DIRECTIONS**

Teachers - All entries are submitted by email in Excel format

ENTRY DEADLINE – Wednesday, August 25, 2026

Location: Oz Gallery

Manager: Kathy Dunn - Ph: 620-200-0442



A special Thank You to First National Travel Agency of Hutchinson for sponsoring the School Art Exhibit in the Oz Gallery at the 2026 Kansas State Fair.

August 25	Entry Deadline – Email entries by midnight. Melissa.zimmerman@ks.gov .
August 28	Receiving Entries 11:00 - 6:00 pm
August 29	Receiving Entries 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Judging following Receiving
Sept 20	Entries are released at 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **No early releases
Sept. 21	Entries released between 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
After Sept 20	You must contact KSF Admin Office to arrange to pick up (620) 669- 3621 or (620) 669-3600. All items should be picked up within 1 week from the closing of the Fair (by Sept. 24 th). After that date, limited pick-up times will be available.
October 1	All remaining Exhibits will be discarded.

- All teacher-entered school artwork will be displayed in the Oz Gallery.
- Due to limited display space, **each student will only be allowed one entry** in their division.
- Student Art has no fee to enter.
- Homeschool students are allowed to enter School Art.
- If the student wishes to enter additional artwork, they may do so individually in the Fine Arts Department.
- Entry fee for Open Class is \$1.00 per item and \$1.00 per Exhibitor.
- School Artwork will not be released to individual parents. Educators are to pick up their entries.

All exhibits/artwork must have a label on the back of the sheet with the student's full name, school name, teacher name, and grade level. NO EXCEPTIONS - Artwork will not be accepted without this information.

Division 1 – Pre-K – Kindergarten School Art

- All artwork is to be on **9" x 12"** paper. Should any item exceed the size imitation, it will not be accepted.
- No mounting is necessary. No frames.
- If an entry is accepted by oversight, it may later be disqualified and/or not judged or displayed.
- Drawing/paintings only. Do not glue objects to paper. No beans, No pasta, No yarn, Etc.
- All craft items may be entered in Open Class, Division 1 – 4 at a cost of \$1.00.
- Disability students may use a preprinted coloring page.
- Must have student's full name, school name, teacher name, and grade level. No exceptions – Artwork will not be accepted without this information.
- Follo the theme.

All entries will consist of artwork with the theme:

"Happy 250th Birthday, America"

Classes:

01 - Any student with a disability. May use preprinted coloring page.

02 - Choice of Media – Crayon, paint, marker, pastel, mixed media. No preprinted page.

Division 2 – School Art - 1st –2rd Grade

- All artwork is to be on **9" x 12"** paper. Should any item exceed the size imitation, it will not be accepted.
- No mounting is necessary. No frames.
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- Drawing/paintings only. Do not glue objects to paper. No beans, No pasta, No yarn, Etc.
- All craft items may be entered in Open Class, Division 1 – 4 at a cost of \$1.00.
- Disability students may use a preprinted coloring page.
- Must have student's full name, school name, teacher name, and grade level. No exceptions –

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- Follow the theme.

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02 - Choice of Media – Crayon, paint, marker, pastel, mixed media. No preprinted page.

Division 3 – School Art- 3rd – 4th Grades

- All artwork is to be on 9” x 12” paper. Should any item exceed the size imitation, it will not be accepted.
- No mounting is necessary. No frames.
- If an entry is accepted by oversight, it may later be disqualified and/or not judged or displayed.
- Drawing/paintings only. Do not glue objects to paper. No beans, No pasta, No yarn, Etc.
- All craft items may be entered in Open Class, Division 1 – 4 at a cost of \$1.00.
- Disability students may use a preprinted coloring page.
- Must have student’s full name, school name, teacher name, and grade level. No exceptions – Artwork will not be accepted without this information.
- Follow the theme.

All entries will consist of artwork with the theme:

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Classes:

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02 - Choice of Media – Crayon, paint, marker, pastel, mixed media. No preprinted page.

Division 4 – School Art- 5th – 6th Grades

- All artwork is to be on 9” x 12” paper. Should any item exceed the size imitation, it will not be accepted.
- No mounting is necessary. No frames.
- If an entry is accepted by oversight, it may later be disqualified and/or not judged or displayed.
- Drawing/paintings only. Do not glue objects to paper. No beans, No pasta, No yarn, Etc.
- All craft items may be entered in Open Class, Division 1 – 4 at a cost of \$1.00.
- Disability students may use a preprinted coloring page.
- Must have student’s full name, school name, teacher name, and grade level. No exceptions –

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- Follow the theme.

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- Must have student’s full name, school name, teacher name, and grade level. No exceptions – Artwork will not be accepted without this information.

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02 - Choice of Media – Crayon, paint, marker, pastel, mixed media. No preprinted page.

Division 5 – School Art- 7th – 8th Grades

No theme for Division 6 – Be creative!

- Stretched Canvas may be used. Edges must be finished – no raw edges.
- Canvas Boards may be framed. ONLY LIGHT-WEIGHT FRAMES.
- Not to exceed 40"
- Must have wire or eyes for hanging. Do not use nailed-on hangers or masking tape.
- Entries may be matted within a frame.
- Frames are allowed in Division 6 ONLY

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01 - Any student with a disability. May use preprinted coloring page.

02 - Choice of Media – Crayon, paint, marker, pastel, mixed media. No preprinted page.

Please Read - CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

All entries are subject to the Kansas State Fair [General Rules](#) in addition to any department, division, or class rules listed. General Rules may be found on the Competition page. If you have additional questions or need any assistance, please phone 620-669-3621 or 620-669-3600.

School Art Registration

MUST be emailed to melissa.zimmerman@ks.gov

Submit in Excel Format the following information

- **Teacher Name**
- **Teacher email address**
- **School**
- **Exhibitor/Student**
- **Grade Level**
- **Division**
- **Class**
- **Entry Description**

Awards for Division 1-6 are ribbons only – 1st – 7th and Merit.

ALL JUDGING CRITERIA:

WORKMANSHIP - DESIGN - GENERAL APPEARANCE

ADDITIONAL RULES/INFORMATION - READ CAREFULLY

1. **Any item that does not meet the requirements will not be accepted. If an item is accepted as an oversight, it may later be disqualified and/or not judged or displayed.**
2. **All items must have the student's name, grade level, school, and teacher on the back of the exhibit.**
3. Subject matter must be original and not copies (Except for disability students). Entries must be the

work of the exhibitor with work being done since the 2025 State Fair.

4. Artwork in frames, on stretchers, or canvas must have wire or eyes for hanging. Do not use nail-on hangers or masking tape - Division 6 only.
5. Our primary audience consists of family and youth. We reserve the right to reject any entry/exhibit which may be considered objectionable by that audience.
6. All exhibits will receive the best care and protection in their surroundings. At all times exhibits are subject to owner's risk and in no event will the Fair be responsible for any damage which may occur. All exhibits will be displayed at the discretion of the Department staff.