MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey
State Superintendent of Education

RE: State Superintendent's Visual Arts Exhibit

The annual State Superintendent’s Visual Arts Exhibit will be held the months of February and March 2020. The Secondary Division Exhibit will be held February 3-21, 2020, and the Elementary Division Exhibit will be held March 2-20, 2020. The exhibits of student artwork will be on public display in the Old Supreme Court Library of the Alabama State Capitol. An awards reception for the Secondary Division will be held for the Best of Show, First-, Second-, Third-Place, and Honorable Mention winners of award-winning students and their visual arts instructors on February 13, 2020. There will also be an awards program for student winners and a reception honoring all students, open to all who wish to attend, in the Elementary Division on March 12, 2020.

School systems may submit up to 20 pieces of artwork. Systems wishing to participate must complete and submit the 2020 System Intent to Participate Form by November 1, 2019. Submit only one form per system. Each system must appoint one local system contact person. This individual will be responsible for distributing the guidelines to all schools, as well as organizing the process to select entries from your system.

Carefully read the updated guidelines. Changes have been made to the separate exhibitions, awards for the Elementary Division, electronic submission of all forms, and a continuation of the extended exhibition of selected works to be displayed at the Alabama State Department of Education.

Deadline for entries: Artwork representing school systems will be received from January 13-17, 2020. For further information, please contact Mr. Andy Meadows, Arts Education Specialist, Instructional Services Section, at telephone number (334) 694-4768 or via email at ameadows@alsde.edu.

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Attachments
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2020 GUIDELINES

STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT

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2020 Guidelines

Please read the following Guidelines:

• **Exhibit Dates:** Secondary Division Exhibit February 3-21, 2020, Elementary Division Exhibit March 2-20, 2020.

• **Exhibit Location:** Old Supreme Court Library of the Alabama State Capitol. For hours of operation call 334-242-3935.

• **Artwork Delivery and Pick Up Location:** Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), 3345 Gordon Persons Building, P. O. Box 302101, Montgomery, AL 36130 or 50 North Ripley Street, Montgomery, AL 36104.

• **Delivery Dates and Times:** January 13-17, 2020, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

• **Guidelines:** Guidelines will be provided to teachers by local superintendent’s office and posted on the ALSDE website (www.alsde.edu).

• **Quantity:** Twenty (20) pieces of artwork per school system. One (1) piece of artwork per student. (See page 3) A maximum of ten (10) artworks Grades 7-12 and a maximum of ten (10) artworks Grades K-6.

• **Identification Label:** Front, lower right-hand corner of the mat. Artwork without a label will not be displayed. (Suggestion: Use Avery Label 5162 or comparable size.) (See page 3)

• **Judging Rules:** All works will be judged for awards. All entrees will receive Certificates of Participation. Winners will be notified by January 31, 2020. (See page 4)

• **Intent to Participate Deadline November 1, 2019:** Click here to fill out the 2020 System Intent to Participate Form. Submit only ONE form per system. The System Contact must be identified on this form and is responsible for all communication between the ALSDE and the LEA.

• **System Entry Form:** Click here to fill out the 2020 State Superintendent's Visual Arts Exhibit Elementary Division System Entry Form and here for the 2020 State Superintendent's Visual Arts Exhibit Secondary Division System Entry Form. The Elementary and Secondary forms will require the name of students and the name of the submitting teacher. Additionally, there is a section to indicate if student is willing to allow their work to be on display for one year at the ALSDE Gordon Persons Building. The ALSDE will not be responsible for correcting certificates if the name is misspelled on this form.

• **Student Entry Form:** Typed form indicating category and grade division with required signatures attesting to authenticity of artwork and agreeing to allow ALSDE to photograph the artwork for ALSDE use. Indicate if student is willing to allow their work to be on display for one year at the ALSDE Gordon Persons Building. Attach securely to back of artwork. (See page 5)

• **Participating Students:** Students must be currently enrolled in an Alabama public school to be considered for exhibition and judging.

• **Artwork Return/Pick-up from ALSDE:** Secondary Division artwork may (**not required**) be picked up March 2-6, 2020. Elementary Division artwork and any Secondary Division artwork still at the ALSDE must be picked up April 6-17, 2020. Artwork not picked up by April 17, 2020, may be discarded.
Categories and Divisions

Grade Divisions:
Grades K-2, Grades 3-4, Grades 5-6, Grades 7-8, Grades 9-10, and Grades 11-12.

Category I:
Two-dimensional work.

Category II:
Photography or computer-generated work.

Requirements and Criteria

• **Quantity**: Twenty (20) pieces of artwork per system. Maximum of ten (10) artworks Secondary Division Grades 7-12 and ten (10) artworks Elementary Division Grades K-6. **Limit**: One (1) piece of artwork per student. Each piece must be individually created; classroom projects (multiple entries of the same topic) not will be accepted.

• **Size Requirements**: Maximum size 18” x 24” including mat. No framed, stretched canvas, or heavy surface will be allowed or displayed. Artwork mounted or matted on construction paper will not be accepted. The artwork will be displayed using Velcro and must be light and easily handled. The ALSDE will not be responsible for handling or shipping FRAMED artwork.

• **Protective Covering**: Artwork must be displayed in a professional manner and covered in a transparent material (acetate or shrink-wrap). **Saran wrap and unheated laminated coverings are unacceptable**.

• **Identification Label**: Front, lower right-hand corner of the mat with the following information. **Artwork without typed identification labels will be disqualified**. (Suggestion: Use Avery Label 5162 or comparable size.)
  
  Student’s Name and Grade  
  Title of Artwork  
  Medium  
  School Name/System  
  State Board of Education District Member’s Name

• **Student Entry Form**: Attach the Student Entry Form securely to the back of the artwork. Please use student’s full name (no nicknames), provide required signature and indicate if student is willing to participate in the ALSDE Extended Student Exhibition at the Gordon Persons Building (work will hang in the building in frames from April of 2020 to March of 2021).

• **Return Mail**: Self-addressed, postage-paid carton, envelope, etc., of the same size or larger may be submitted for return of artwork. **Per U. S. Postal regulations, pre-paid postage on the container should be WITHOUT a date stamp**. Check with your local post office about this regulation. Entrants must provide postage for mail returns. **Artwork will not be returned at the expense of the ALSDE**.  
  **Note**: Due to changes in the exhibition, we can only ship artwork back after the Elementary Division exhibition. If a Secondary Division box is included with its own return postage, we will ship just the Secondary Division work back during the March pickup time. The Elementary Division work will not be shipped until April. If awards are shipped back this could affect the cost.
Judging

Artwork should be presented in a professional manner. At the state level of competition, all entries will be exhibited and secondary works submitted will be judged. The judging panel will select the winners in each category using the following criteria:

- **Original Design:** Original approach to process, concept, and subject matter. Artwork must be an original design of the student. Do not submit cartoon characters, anime or copies of printed works. If originality cannot be determined, the ALSDE reserves the right to make the decision as to whether or not it may be displayed.

- **Technical Skill:** Competence required for successful execution of a work in a particular medium; ability to take risks and experiment with material, form, and content.

- **Expression:** Emergence of personal voice or style.

- **Composition:** Effective use of the *Elements of Art and Principles of Design*. (*The Elements of Art and Principles of Design* are further described and illustrated in the 2017 Alabama Courses of Study: Arts Education, Visual Arts Section.)

- **Winner Notification:** Winners to be notified by January 31, 2020.

- **Superintendent’s Secondary Division Awards Luncheon:** February 13, 2020.

- **Superintendent’s Elementary Division Awards Program and Reception:** March 12, 2020.

- **Disqualification:** Any violation of Guidelines.

Certificates and Awards

- **Grades K-2, 3-4, and 5-6:** Receive Certificates of Participation. Submissions in these categories will be judged for First-, Second-, and Third-Place honors, and Honorable Mention.

- **Grades 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12:** Receive Certificates of Participation. Submissions in these categories will be judged for First-, Second-, Third-Place honors, and Honorable Mention.

- **Best of Show Award:** Awarded to best overall entry in any secondary division.

Local system contact persons will be notified of the award winners no later than January 31, 2020. A Secondary Division awards luncheon will be held for the students and visual arts instructors of the winning entries (Best of Show, First Place, Second Place, Third Place, and Honorable Mention). The awards luncheon will be held after the State Board of Education meeting February 13, 2020. There will be an Elementary Division awards program and reception at the Alabama State Capitol on March 12, 2020.
2020 Elementary Division Student Entry Form
(SIGNATURES REQUIRED)

Please circle the appropriate Category and Division.

Category: I or II
Division: K-2, 3-4, 5-6

Student: ___________________________ Grade: _____ Title of Artwork: ___________________________
Teacher: __________________________ School/System: ________________________________

System Contact and Telephone Number: ____________________________________________

Consider this artwork for the yearlong ALSDE Extended Student Exhibition: ________________

Artwork submitted for the SSVAE is an original design and may be photographed for use by the ALSDE.

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(Signature of Teacher)              (Date)                           (Signature of Student)                  (Date)

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2020 Secondary Division Student Entry Form
(SIGNATURES REQUIRED)

Please circle the appropriate Category and Division.

Category: I or II
Division: 7-8 9-10 11-12

Student: ___________________________ Grade: _____ Title of Artwork: ___________________________
Teacher: __________________________ School/System: ________________________________

System Contact and Telephone Number: ____________________________________________

Consider this artwork for the yearlong ALSDE Extended Student Exhibition: ________________

Artwork submitted for the SSVAE is an original design and may be photographed for use by the ALSDE.

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(Signature of Teacher)              (Date)                           (Signature of Student)                  (Date)
Checklist

1. **Location of Exhibit:** Old Supreme Court Library of the Alabama State Capitol.

2. **Quantity:** Twenty (20) pieces of artwork. Maximum Secondary (10) and Elementary (10).

3. **2020 System Intent to Participate Form:** Submitted electronically by November 1, 2019.

4. **2020 System Entry Form:** Submitted electronically prior to delivery of artwork (January 13-17, 2020). The paper copy of this entry form must be included when submitting the work.

5. **2020 Student Entry Form:** Typed, signed, and **securely** attached to back of artwork.

6. **Identification Label:** Typed and secured to front, right-hand bottom corner of artwork. State Board of Education member listed.

7. **Indication to Participate:** Students that desire their work to be considered for the Alabama State Department of Education Extended Student Exhibition which will be on display from April of 2020 to March of 2021 in the Gordon Persons Building. This will be indicated on Identification Label located on the back of the artwork and part of the System Entry Forms submission.

8. **Protective Covering:** Artwork covered in shrink-wrap or acetate.


10. **Artwork Return/Pickup:** Secondary Division artwork (optional pick up) March 2-6, 2020. Elementary Division artwork and remaining secondary artwork April 6-17, 2020, between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the ALSDE, 3345 Gordon Persons Building, 50 North Ripley Street, Montgomery, AL 36104.

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