



Art Connects

2020 Virtual Student Arts Competition

RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

The Riverside County Office of Education is launching a virtual student arts competition to help students channel their creativity during the COVID-19 school closures.



Despite the closure of schools, students in Riverside County are continuing to create, dream, and express their ideas through their own unique talents and abilities. Artistic expression is a healthy way for students to process their feelings, exercise their creative abilities, and expand their understanding of a changing world. These expressions have the power to uplift others and bring meaning to their life and the lives of others during challenging times.

Rules and Eligibility Requirements

- Open to all Riverside County students in grades TK–12 attending public, charter, private, parochial, or home-school programs.
- One entry per student per art form per week.
- Individual entries only; no group entries.
- Grade level categories include TK–2, 3–5, 6–8, and 9–12.

Awards

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards will be selected in each art form.
 - **1st place award:** \$75 gift card, plaque, and certificate of participation
 - **2nd place award:** \$50 gift card and certificate of participation
 - **3rd place award:** \$25 gift card and certificate of participation
 - **Honorable mention:** Certificate of participation
- Awards will be announced weekly via www.rcoe.us/art-connects, on RCOE's social media pages, and by email to the winners.
- The work of awardees may be shared on the website and RCOE social media pages.

Awards provided by the Riverside County Office of Education Foundation.

Judging Criteria

- Judges will include Riverside County artists, poets, choreographers, actors, writers, educators, filmmakers, and musicians.
- Judges will score entries based on the following categories:
 - Creativity and originality
 - Artistic composition
 - Connection to weekly theme
 - Overall impression
- Judges will take into account the constraints that come with the nature of a virtual competition.
 - Example: Video submissions will be based on the content of the film, not the production value.
 - Example: Photo submissions will be judged on the artistic quality of the image, not the resolution of the JPG.

For additional information, please visit www.rcoe.us/art-connects or contact Louisa Higgins, RCOE Arts Administrator, lhiggins@rcoe.us.

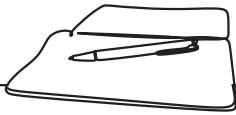


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Guidelines and Submission Information



Week One: Poetry

Theme: Expressions of Change

Submission: 100 word maximum, typed or handwritten

Submit entries 3/25 through 3/31

Winners announced on 4/7



Week Two: Visual Arts (2D, 3D, Photography)

Theme: Expressions of Possibility

Submission: JPEG photo of finished work

Submit entries 4/1 through 4/7

Winners announced on 4/14



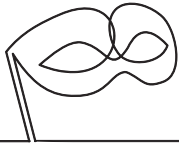
Week Three: Dance

Theme: Expressions of Kindness

Submission: Two-minute video

Submit entries 4/8 through 4/14

Winners announced on 4/21



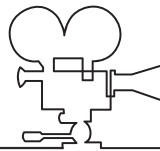
Week Four: Theater

Theme: Expressions of Persistence

Submission: Original writing of an excerpt enacted into two-minute video

Submit entries 4/15 through 4/21

Winners announced on 4/28



Week Five: Media Arts

Theme: Expressions of Connections

Submission: Two-minute podcast or short film

Submit entries 4/22 through 4/28

Winners announced on 5/5



Week Six: Music

Theme: Expressions of Hope

Submission: Two-minute video; compositions encouraged, however can be performances of hope-themed music

Submit entries 4/29 through 5/5

Winners announced on 5/12

How to Submit Entries

- Go to www.rcoe.us/art-connects and follow the directions to upload your submissions.
- Students will be asked to provide their name, school or district affiliation, and contact information in order to verify winners for any awards.
- After you submit your entry, you are encouraged to share your submission on social media with the hashtag **#ArtConnectsRivCo**.

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