

## 2009-2010 NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM

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### Special Education Category Rules

New York State PTA refers to the term Special Education (for purpose of judging Reflections entries) as: **Those students identified as requiring additional services to meet and maintain basic educational standards.**

- Eligible Special Education students may enter in (but are not limited to) the Special Education category.
- Those students who are identified as gifted and talented must enter in one of the six arts categories only – not in Special Education category.
- Special Education category entrants may participate in any of the arts disciplines recognized by National PTA (i.e. Visual Arts, Music, Photography, Literature, Dance Choreography or Film Production) and are subject to the same rules posted for each individual discipline (i.e. Students with a developmental age above fifth grade must submit a musical notation).
- In conformity with the other six categories (3) Special Education entries (in any combination of arts disciplines) may be submitted per unit for the next level of judging.
- All Special Education entries to State will be judged on the State level in the Special Education category and receive Special Education recognition before Special Education finalists are mainstreamed for National entry judging.
- Students entering in the Special Education category wishing to compete for National entry must include developmental age for purpose of proper mainstreaming.
- All students must adhere to the **General Student Participation Rules** in addition to the **Special Education Rules**.

***Please check the individual entry form for the place to designate entry as “Special Education” as well as which developmental age should be considered for the purpose of competitive judging.***