



Dear Members,

Special Education Week is May 10–16, 2026. The theme for this year is “**The Magic of Education**”.

We invite all **NJASEPS Member Schools** to submit their students’ artwork to our **2026 Special Education Day – Art Contest**. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase our students’ creativity and highlight how empowering our schools are for students with disabilities. Please read the guidelines below for submission requirements, judging criteria, and important information.

Artwork Criteria

- The idea must originate from the student
- Does not need to include drawings or wording conforming to the theme of this year’s Special Education Week
- Must be 2-dimensional
- Can be created on any type of material (poster board, easel paper, canvas, oak tag, etc.), but no larger than regular poster board (18” x 24”) and no framed artwork
- If assistance was necessary to create the artwork, please make note on the back of the artwork

Submission Guidelines

- All artwork must be mailed to **NJASEPS Art Contest, 2125 Rt. 33, Hamilton, NJ 08690** – please do **NOT** drop off artwork at our office
- All submissions must include the student’s name, name of school (if more than one location, please specify), age of student, and judging category (see below) on the back of the artwork
- All submissions must include the teacher’s name and email address to ensure accurate contact information
- Any artwork missing required information will not be considered
- If the student created computer-generated artwork, please indicate which program was utilized
- Only **one (1)** piece of artwork may be submitted per student

Judging

- In order to remain sensitive to the varying disabilities and the limitations placed on our students, artwork will be grouped as follows:
 - **Category A:** Student has a disability or impairment that *does* affect the

- ability to create artwork
 - Age 12 and under
 - Age 13 and over
- **Category B:** Student has a disability or impairment that *does not* affect the ability to create artwork
 - Age 12 and under
 - Age 13 and over
- **Category C:** Student created computer-generated artwork
 - Age 12 and under
 - Age 13 and over
- There will be **one (1) Grand Prize Winner** and **eighteen (18) additional winners** across the above categories
- Judges will be selected from a range of educational and arts-related backgrounds, including K–12 education, educational organizations, and art programs at New Jersey colleges or universities.
- Judging will occur **mid-March 2026**
- Contest winners will be notified in **early April 2026**

Awards

- All students who submit artwork will receive a certificate of recognition
- Cash awards and certificates will be presented at our **Special Education Day Event on May 22, 2026**, as follows:
 - Grand Prize “Poster of the Year” Winner – **\$125**
 - (6) First Place Winners – **\$100**
 - (6) Second Place Winners – **\$75**
 - (6) Third Place Winners – **\$50**

Important Information

- All artwork must be received by close of business on **Friday, March 6, 2026**
- Release forms will not be required unless artwork is selected for display or publication
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Stephanie Summers** at stephanies@njseps.org

We look forward to celebrating the creativity and talent of our students during Special Education Week 2026.