PHOTOGRAPHY is the process of creating an image. The photographer (student submitting entry) is a person who captures his or her own thoughts and ideas with a camera. By focusing on objects using various lenses, filters and light sources, photographers may demonstrate the use of photographic techniques conventionally or digitally. Each entry must have a TITLE and must include an ARTIST STATEMENT.

**2018-2019 Theme: Heroes Around Me**

Accepted forms of photography include: a single photo, panoramic, photomontage (one seamless print of multiple original photos), a multiple exposure, negative sandwich or photogram. Original black-and-white and color images are accepted. Non-accepted forms of photography include: Entries with added graphics over the image, including lettering, are not accepted. Original film (negatives or transparencies) and multidimensional pieces are not accepted.

**Originality:** Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted. Each entry must be the work of one student only.

Consider use of objects, lighting and the location to show a clear relation of the photo to the theme. An explanation of the photography process/form might be a useful addition to the artist statement. Whether an entry displays use of technologies or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme, originality and creativity.

**Copyright:** Use of copyrighted material, including copyrighted cartoon characters or other such material, is not acceptable in any photography submission, with the following exceptions:

- Photographs may include public places, well-known products, trademarks or certain other copyrighted material as long as that copyrighted material is incidental to the subject matter of the piece and/or is a smaller element of a whole. The resulting work cannot try to establish an association between the student and the trademark/business/material, or influence the purchase/non-purchase of the trademarked good.

**Presentation:** Framed photos are not accepted. Matting is accepted.

- Print Photo: Must not exceed 11x14 inches, including matting. Mount on sturdy material such as cardboard or poster board.

**Packaging:**

- Label back of print with your State, Arts Category, Grade Division, Last Name, First Name (Example: PA.DANCE.PRI.SMITH.JOHN).
- Entry must be submitted with a manila envelope (10 X 13 inches) taped to the back.
- If smaller than 10 X 13 inches, the entry may be placed inside the manila envelope.
- Tape a plastic sheet protector to the outside of the manila envelope.
- Slide Student Entry Form and Consent Form (if required) into plastic sheet protector.

*All participants must also follow Official Rules for Participation.*