



Changes to Utah PTA Reflections Rules/Program

2026-2027 Changes :

- Literature Rules have been updated. Student may now submit graphic novels and comic books in the Literature category. Comic books and graphic novels are allowed as long as all illustrations are original to the student and the entry includes written elements that convey the narrative. Judges should focus on the literary elements—themes, characters, plot—not the technical quality of the visuals. Illustrations can support understanding, but they should not drive the judges' scores. A good test is: If you removed all visuals, could the judge still understand and evaluate the story?
- Judges must be 18 or older to judge Reflections entries.

Previous Changes :

- Literature entries no longer have to be on 8 ½ X 11 inch paper, single sided.
- Photography dimensions increased up to 11X14 for finished project, including any matting or mounting
- Music Composition entries for grades 6-12 may include **EITHER** standard notation **OR** a technical reflective statement.
- Use of AI in entries is prohibited.
- Advancement Chart rules updated. No double entries allowed for schools or councils in large regions. Considering one **CATEGORY** at a time, the Reflections chair **MUST** advance the highest scoring entry in each division with one or more entries. Then, they **MAY** advance up to three more entries from the **CATEGORY**(not from each division) from the division(s) of their choice. They must be the next highest scoring entries in their respective division(s).
- Division Name Change: Special Artist Division changed to Accessible Arts Division. This division is for students who have a disability and want to compete in this division instead of in their grade division.