

SAFETY DRAWING

Theme: "Fire Safety"

2015 - 2016

LAPTA DEADLINE: Postmarked no later than November 1, 2015.

**DISTRICTS MAY SUBMIT UP TO 3 ENTRIES PER DIVISION TO STATE FOR JUDGING.
CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL DISTRICT CHAIR FOR DEADLINE AND NUMBER OF ENTRIES TO SUBMIT.
MUST BE JUDGED AT SCHOOL AND DISTRICT BEFORE BEING SENT TO STATE.**

Guidelines

- Districts/councils may submit up to fifteen (15) entries for judging on state level. District entries must be postmarked by November 1, 2015. Entries received directly from local units without going through district judging will be disqualified. If a district does not have a district president or is not participating in the contest, local units in that district interested in participating should contact the "Safety Drawing" Chair.
- Participation in the safety drawing program must be through a PTA/PTSA unit in good standing. Parent groups not affiliated with the National PTA are not eligible. It is the responsibility of the district and local PTA/PTSA unit to determine each student's eligibility in the contest.
- Students may enter in the appropriate grade division:

PRIMARY: Preschool - Grade 2	INTERMEDIATE: Grades 3 - 5
MIDDLE/JUNIOR: Grades 6 – 8	SENIOR: Grades 9 – 12
SPECIAL ARTISTS: All Grades	
- If students do not fall into a specific grade division, it is suggested that they be grouped as follows. It is the responsibility of the local PTA/PTSA unit to determine the appropriate division if necessary.

PRIMARY: up to age 7	INTERMEDIATE: ages 8 - 10
MIDDLE/JUNIOR: ages 11 - 13	SENIOR: ages 14+
- **The drawing theme is "Fire Safety".**
- **Size:** Drawings may not exceed 18 inches by 12 inches (including a mat if using). You may use regular paper, art paper, or poster board.
- The drawing mediums include pencil, crayon, colored pencil, and markers.
- **Originality:** All entries must be the original design and artwork of an Individual student. A single entry done by two or more students is not permitted. The theme must be carried out in the drawing. Parents or others must not assist a student. Copyrighted material may not be used.

- **Design:** Lettering should be done by hand and should be neat and simple, with a minimum of words. Do not use stencils, magazine clippings or any kind of machine cutouts. Only original artwork is accepted.
- All participants are required to complete the **official entry form**, authorizes the Louisiana PTA free use of any entry in any manner deemed appropriate by the Louisiana PTA. Students who have not completely filled out the form will not be eligible for the program. In situations where a student cannot fill out the entry form or write legibly, a parent may sign her/his name. A parent or legal guardian (not a teacher) also must sign the affirmation of originality and the permission clause.
- The entry form must be securely fastened to the back of the drawing -- masking tape works best.
- The number of entries that can be submitted is one per student.
- Entries that do not follow the guidelines or are received after the deadline will be disqualified.

Judging

Local units should hold preliminary judging at their school level and select winners to forward to district competition. Districts will hold judging before sending entries to the Louisiana PTA.

Judges at the state level will award up to 90 points per entry based on

- artistic merit (30 points)
- creativity (30 points)
- interpretation of theme (30 points)

Awards

Louisiana PTA will present up to three (3) Awards of Excellence and three (3) Awards of Merit in each of the four (4) grade divisions and special artist division. Awards will be presented at the Louisiana PTA Convention.

Submission

All entries must be judged at the local unit level and then the district level before being sent to the state for judging. Questions should be directed to the LAPTA 3rd Vice President of Programs.

District winning entries should be mailed to:

**LAPTA 3rd Vice President
Dianira Young
PO Box 6702
Slidell, LA 70469**

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