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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Jacob Oliva

**DATE:** August 14, 2020

**SUBJECT: 2021 Art in the Capitol Competition**

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The Art in the Capitol Competition, authorized by section [1003.49965](#), Florida Statutes, is a statewide visual arts competition that requires each school district to annually hold an art competition for all students in grades 6 through 8 attending public schools, private schools and home schools in Florida. The artwork should be judged by a selection committee consisting of art teachers whose students have not submitted work for the competition.

All artwork submitted for the Art in the Capitol must

- not violate copyright laws;
- be original in concept, design and execution;
- be two-dimensional;
- not exceed 28 inches wide by 28 inches long by 4 inches thick and
- include the student's name, grade, school and city in which the school is located.

Each winning submission shall be provided to the legislator of the legislative district in which the student resides no later than 60 days before the start of each regular legislative session. The 2021 Legislative Session begins on March 2, 2021.

The legislator shall provide the winning submission to the Department of Management Services (DMS). DMS will receive and display the winning artwork, as well as, serve as the point of contact to answer questions regarding the submission. Kim Vickery from DMS can be contacted at [Kimberly.Vickery@dms.myflorida.com](mailto:Kimberly.Vickery@dms.myflorida.com) or 850-487-9928. Please view the DMS website at [https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business\\_operations/real\\_estate\\_development\\_and\\_management/art\\_in\\_the\\_capitol\\_competition](https://www.dms.myflorida.com/business_operations/real_estate_development_and_management/art_in_the_capitol_competition) for more details about the installation of each art piece. DMS will return all art to the appropriate legislator during the last week of the legislative session. Legislators will be responsible for returning the artwork to the students after the session concludes.

JACOB OLIVA  
CHANCELLOR OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dates for the 2020 Art in the Capitol Competition:

- **Fall 2020** – Districts hold annual Art in the Capitol Competition for all students in grades 6-8.
- **January 1, 2021** – Each district's winning selection of student artwork is given to the legislator of the legislative district in which the student resides prior to or before this date.
- **March 2, 2021** – Start of regular session and opening date of exhibit at the Capitol.
- **April 30, 2021** – Last day of regular session; legislator will return winning submission to the student after this date.

Access the Florida Department of Education's Fine arts page can be found at <http://fldoe.org/academics/standards/subject-areas/fine-arts.stml>.

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cc: Florida House and Senate Members  
School District Principals  
School District Fine Arts Supervisors  
Florida Teachers