



# Art Connects

## 2020 Virtual Student Arts Competition

RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

The Riverside County Office of Education is launching a virtual student arts competition to help students channel their creativity during the COVID-19 school closures.



Despite the closure of schools, students in Riverside County are continuing to create, dream, and express their ideas through their own unique talents and abilities. Artistic expression is a healthy way for students to process their feelings, exercise their creative abilities, and expand their understanding of a changing world. These expressions have the power to uplift others and bring meaning to their life and the lives of others during challenging times.

### Rules and Eligibility Requirements

- Open to all Riverside County students in grades TK–12 attending public, charter, private, parochial, or home-school programs.
- One entry per student per art form per week.
- Individual entries only; no group entries.
- Grade level categories include TK–2, 3–5, 6–8, and 9–12.

### Awards

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards will be selected in each art form.
  - **1st place award:** \$75 gift card, plaque, and certificate of participation
  - **2nd place award:** \$50 gift card and certificate of participation
  - **3rd place award:** \$25 gift card and certificate of participation
  - **Honorable mention:** Certificate of participation
- Awards will be announced weekly via [www.rcoe.us/art-connects](http://www.rcoe.us/art-connects), on RCOE's social media pages, and by email to the winners.
- The work of awardees may be shared on the website and RCOE social media pages.

*Awards provided by the Riverside County Office of Education Foundation.*

### Judging Criteria

- Judges will include Riverside County artists, poets, choreographers, actors, writers, educators, filmmakers, and musicians.
- Judges will score entries based on the following categories:
  - Creativity and originality
  - Artistic composition
  - Connection to weekly theme
  - Overall impression
- Judges will take into account the constraints that come with the nature of a virtual competition.
  - Example: Video submissions will be based on the content of the film, not the production value.
  - Example: Photo submissions will be judged on the artistic quality of the image, not the resolution of the JPG.

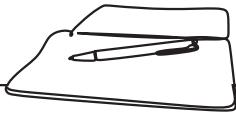
For additional information, please visit [www.rcoe.us/art-connects](http://www.rcoe.us/art-connects) or contact Louisa Higgins, RCOE Arts Administrator, [lhiggins@rcoe.us](mailto:lhiggins@rcoe.us).



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## Guidelines and Submission Information



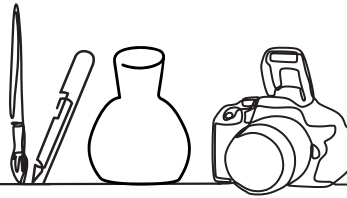
### Week One: Poetry

*Theme: Expressions of Change*

**Submission: 100 word maximum, typed or handwritten**

Submit entries 3/25 through 3/31

Winners announced on 4/7



### Week Two: Visual Arts (2D, 3D, Photography)

*Theme: Expressions of Possibility*

**Submission: JPEG photo of finished work**

Submit entries 4/1 through 4/7

Winners announced on 4/14



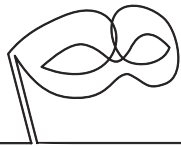
### Week Three: Dance

*Theme: Expressions of Kindness*

**Submission: Two-minute video**

Submit entries 4/8 through 4/14

Winners announced on 4/21



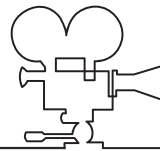
### Week Four: Theater

*Theme: Expressions of Persistence*

**Submission: Original writing of an excerpt enacted into two-minute video**

Submit entries 4/15 through 4/21

Winners announced on 4/28



### Week Five: Media Arts

*Theme: Expressions of Connections*

**Submission: Two-minute podcast or short film**

Submit entries 4/22 through 4/28

Winners announced on 5/5



### Week Six: Music

*Theme: Expressions of Hope*

**Submission: Two-minute video; compositions encouraged, however can be performances of hope-themed music**

Submit entries 4/29 through 5/5

Winners announced on 5/12

## How to Submit Entries

- Go to [www.rcoe.us/art-connects](http://www.rcoe.us/art-connects) and follow the directions to upload your submissions.
- Students will be asked to provide their name, school or district affiliation, and contact information in order to verify winners for any awards.
- After you submit your entry, you are encouraged to share your submission on social media with the hashtag **#ArtConnectsRivCo**.

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