



ART FAIR INFO PACKET

January 24, 2026

Stillwater Area High School

Judging: 9 am to 12:30 pm

Open to the public: 12:30 to 4 pm

REGISTRATION IS DUE DECEMBER 31, 2025

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DaVinci Fest is Sponsored by



ELIGIBILITY

- Students in grades PreK-12 who live within the boundaries of Stillwater Area Public Schools, no matter where they go to school, are invited to participate.
- There are 3 shows available for students:
 - Elementary Art Show (display only)
 - 6-12 Non Judged Art Show (display only)
 - 6-12 Judged Art Show (art will be displayed and judged - winners will be selected in each art category and by age group (Middle School and High School))
- Only original artwork will be accepted.
- Pieces shown at previous DaVinci events aren't allowed.
- Artwork must be appropriate for public viewing. No political or commercial advertisements or statements, written, visual or implied are permitted. Decisions will be made by DaVinci Fest organizers and will be final.

HOW TO ENTER THE PRE-K TO 5TH GRADE ART SHOW

Students in grades PreK-5th who live within the boundaries of Stillwater Area Public Schools have three ways to enter their artwork into the (display only) PreK-5th Grade Art Show:

1. **Stillwater Area Public School classroom teachers will select artwork:** Each elementary classroom teacher in the district will select 2 pieces of art to submit from his/her classroom. The teacher will make sure it is clearly labeled and ready for display. DaVinci Fest organizers will get the artwork from each school for display and will return it to the school after the event.
2. **Families may submit artwork to the school office:** Whether your child's art was selected by their classroom teacher or not, you are still welcome to enter artwork created in or outside of school directly to DaVinci Fest! To do so, simply:
 - Drop off the piece at your elementary school office **BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2026**.
 - You will be asked to write your child's name and school/teacher on the back of the artwork AND fill out a label (provided at the office) and attach it to the front of the artwork.
 - All submitted art will be collected in a designated box and displayed at DaVinci Fest.
 - After the event, artwork will be returned to your child's school and sent home through their classroom teacher.
3. **Not at a district school- we still want to display your art!** If you are a PreK-5th grade student who lives within the boundaries of Stillwater Area Public Schools but does not attend one of the district elementary schools, we'd still love to display your artwork! Instead of being able to drop it off at your school, you'll need to get it directly to DaVinci Fest organizers. Please contact us directly at info@partnershipplan.org to discuss how we can most easily get the art from you and return it to you after the event. We are always happy to display art and/or make accommodations to achieve that goal.

HOW TO ENTER THE GRADES 6-12 NON-JUDGED SHOW

Students in grades 6-12 who wish to submit their artwork for display only can do so by:

- 1. Submit to your teacher:** If you are a student at SAHS, SMS or OMS, you may submit art for display only right through your school.
 - You do not need to register anywhere. Instead, simply drop your piece off with your art teacher **BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2026.**
 - You will be asked to write your name and school/teacher on the back of the artwork AND fill out a label (provided from your teacher) and attach it to the front of the artwork.
 - All submitted art will be collected in a designated box and displayed at DaVinci Fest.
 - After the event, artwork will be returned to your school and sent home through the teachers.

- 2. Submit directly to DVF organizers:** If you are a 6-12th grade student who lives within the boundaries of Stillwater Area Public Schools but does not attend OMS, SMS or SAHS, we'd still love to display your artwork! Instead of being able to drop it off with your teacher, you'll need to get it directly to DaVinci Fest organizers:
 - We need you to complete the easy registration form so we know to expect your art: <https://forms.gle/s5EPHScz3cS1Q6wE7>
 - **Online registration closes December 31, 2025.**
 - You will be asked to write your name and school/teacher on the back of the artwork AND fill out a label (provided at drop off) and attach it to the front of the artwork.
 - Art Drop Off: You must arrange to drop off your art on Thursday, Jan 22, 2026 - any time between 3:30 pm - 6 pm at door 49W at Stillwater Area High School.
 - Art Pick Up: You must return to SAHS on Saturday, Jan 24, 2026 anytime between 4-5 pm at the Black Box (where the art is displayed) to pick up your artwork.
 - The Partnership Plan and Stillwater Area High School are **NOT** responsible for your artwork. **Pieces left after the 5:00 pm pick-up deadline on Saturday may be discarded. If you are unable to retrieve your work during this time, it is your responsibility to arrange to have someone remove your artwork for you.**

HOW TO ENTER THE GRADES 6-12 JUDGED SHOW

- All students, no matter where they attend school, must complete the registration form at: <https://forms.gle/J6MH8gVxB8xGUMPF8>
 - **Online registration closes December 31, 2025. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
 - Online registration is required so we can prepare for the judging portion of the event.
 - Art not registered will not be displayed or judged at the art fair.
 - If any details of your project changes after registration, including a simple change in title, you must email info@partnershipplan.org to update. We use the registration information to create a label for the front of your piece. If you give us wrong information, your label will be wrong.

REGISTRATION CATEGORIES:		
Mixed Media	Sculpture and Ceramics	Pastels and Drawing
Painting	Fiber Arts and Jewelry	Photography and Digital Art
<i>*If you are unsure which category is best for your piece, please speak with your art teacher or reach out to us at info@partnershipplan.org.</i>		

- Judging Information:
 - You will select a preferred judging time and we do our best to accommodate those, but they are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - DaVinci Fest organizers will communicate to students and guardians PRIOR to the event to confirm participation and judging slot and provide reminders for drop off/pick up.
 - You **must be present** during the judging block of time and are free to leave after you have been visited by all three judges.
- Students may submit up to two pieces for judging. If submitting two, they must be in different categories with a separate registration form submitted for each piece.
- Students working in a group must select one member of your team and have that person submit one registration. For purposes of this event, that person will serve as our main contact.
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- Art Pick Up: You must return to SAHS on Saturday, Jan 24, 2026 anytime between 4-5 pm at the Black Box (where the art is displayed) to pick up your artwork.
- **Each piece of art must be *clearly* labeled using a white index card attached to the back.**
Art submitted without this information will not be accepted.

Please include the following information - PRINT CLEARLY

Name of piece

Media/Category

Artist's name, school and grade

- **Prepare and bring 3 copies of your Artist's Statement.** All artists in the Judged Art Show must bring their artist's statement to the judging session. Students should type and print their statement and bring 3 copies on the day of the event.
 - Blank white paper will be provided if needed, but needing to handwrite your artist's statement will negatively affect your final judged score.
 - For information on how to prepare an artist's statement, artists should speak to their teachers for guidance or visit <https://theartofeducation.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Artist-Statement-Flow-Chart-final1.pdf>
 - *Artists' statements will be shown to judges, but because of space constraints, artists' statements will not be displayed to the public.*
- All judged artwork must remain in place until 4:00 pm and must be removed by 5:00 pm on Saturday, January 24, 2026.
- The Partnership Plan and Stillwater Area High School are **NOT** responsible for your artwork. **Pieces left after the 5:00 pm pick-up deadline on Saturday may be discarded. If you are unable to retrieve your work during this time, it is your responsibility to arrange to have someone remove your artwork for you.**
- No incomplete (wet or drying) artwork will be accepted.

JUDGED ART FAIR SCHEDULE

Art Drop Off - Thursday, Jan 22, 2026- Any time between 3:30 pm - 6 pm at door 49W at Stillwater Area High School.

Art Fair- Saturday Jan 24, 2026

Judging Group 1 - Students arrive between 8:30-8:55 am to find their piece and get settled. Judging from 9 to 10:30 am.

Judging Group 2 - Students arrive between 10:30-10:55 am to find their piece and get settled. Judging from 11 am to 12:30 pm.

Public Viewing - 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. (You are not required to stay with your art.) During this time, organizers will tally the results from the morning event and place 1st ribbons on winning pieces. 1st Place winners will receive a prize when they come to pick up their artwork.

Art Pick Up- Saturday, Jan 24, 2026- Anytime between 4-5 pm at the Black Box (where the art is displayed) at Stillwater Area High School.

HELPFUL TIPS FOR SUCCESS

1. Dress appropriately.
2. Wear your name tag.
3. Stand up straight and look directly at your judges. Pay attention to each of your judges.
4. Let the judges feel your excitement about your project.
5. Do not chew gum or candy.
6. Speak loudly enough to be heard.
7. Smile!
8. Be polite and try not to use “you know” or “yeah”.
9. Remember, it is your artistic thought process that the judges are interested in. The judges are there to learn about your project from you.
10. Relax and enjoy yourself. You worked hard to create your amazing work!
11. Thank the judges.
12. On the following page you will see the form the judges will use to evaluate your project. Use this information to your benefit and prepare yourself for success.

EXAMPLE ART JUDGING SCORE SHEET

Student Name: _____

Judge #: _____

Project # _____ Title: _____

Judge Initials: _____

Teacher: _____

Age Group (circle): 6th-8th grade 9th-12th grade Time: _____

	Max Score	Actual Score
Technical Quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student demonstrates great skill and understanding of the techniques and qualities of the tools and media utilized. Work presented is challenging. (9-10 pts) Student demonstrates quality, skill and understanding of the techniques and qualities of the tools and media utilized. Student has explored possibilities within the media. (6-8 pts) Student demonstrates some skill and understanding of the techniques and qualities of the tools and media utilized. Student technique is rushed and minimal- work is less than ambitious. (3-5 pts) Student demonstrates little skill and understanding of the techniques and qualities of the tools and media utilized. Student technique is poor. Work appears easy and unambiguous. (0-2 pts) 	(10)	
Artist's Statement (Written) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student clearly states purpose for the piece, project development, planning, and technical process throughout. (4-5 pts) Student discusses project development, planning, and technical process throughout. (2-3 pts) Student describes either the planning and technical process, or the artistic intent, vision, or purpose, but does not clearly discuss both. (1 pt) Student did not submit a written statement. (0 points) 	(5)	
Artist's Statement (Verbal) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student clearly states purpose for the piece, project development, planning, and technical process throughout. (4-5 pts) Student discusses project development, planning, and technical process throughout. (2-3 pts) Student describes either the planning and technical process, or the artistic intent, vision, or purpose, but does not clearly discuss both. (1 pt) Student cannot describe the either the planning and technical process nor the artistic intent, vision or purpose. (0 pts) 	(5)	
Thought-provoking/engaging the viewer/dynamic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solution is thought-provoking and evocative, executed in a technically unique way that causes the viewer to investigate its content. (9-10 pts) Solution causes the viewer to pause and ponder the image. (6-8 pts) Solution is a bit stereotypical, but student attempted the archetypal idea with personal style and artistic voice. (3-5 pts) Solution is cliché. (0-2 pts) 	(10)	
Originality/student voice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work is highly innovative and creative. Work displays personalized design style. Work engages viewer. (9-10 pts) Work is unique and creative. Work displays a personal style. (6-8 pts) Work mimics examples of others and lacks creativity. (3-5 pts) Work is plagiarized. Work has little or no creativity. No individual style. (0-2 pts) 	(10)	
Total:	(40)	