

TAPPS Summer Art Meeting 2009

The meeting was called to order by Holly Hendrix the State Art Director. Holly welcomed everyone and the meeting was opened with a word of prayer.

Division Directors and State Coordinators were introduced. We are losing the following Division Directors and or State Coordinators: Laura Sprague, Fran Goundry, and Dede Smith. We will be looking to fill these positions as well as the 1A Division Director for the upcoming school year. Pray that people step up and fill these vital roles in Art Leadership. Just in case you have ever wondered ---Art Leadership Job Descriptions are now posted on the website. If you would like to discuss taking on one of these roles please contact the State Director.

General Information Discussed:

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS. All State entries and paperwork must be completed in TAPPSTER on or before the deadlines posted, regardless of your schools spring break, school trips, or any other conflict. Many schools last year decided to complete their state entries after their spring break only to find that the state meet had been closed. Please – for your students – do not do this. It isn't fair to the other schools that DO FOLLOW the guidelines.

October 3rd 2009

New Teacher Training

Dec. 11th 2009

District Competition Dates turned into the Division Director. This only pertains to the few districts that have not turned in dates as of this meeting.

January 16th 2010

Winter Meeting at ^{Salado}Concordia. While everyone is welcome, ALL HOSTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND. The hosting packet CD will be passed out and updated information will be discussed. Those hosts not attending will need to contact the State Art Director and make an appointment to meet one on one. The cost will be \$100.00. If you are planning on attending, and you are not a host, consider bringing your \$50.00 to the meeting to hand to your host.

January 18th – March 6th 2010

Available dates for holding a District Meet.

March 6th 2010

Last date to hold a District meet – no exceptions!

March 8th 2010

Certification Date – State Director deadline only.

March 8th 2010

State only events can now be entered. You can also print labels and forms for state at this time.

March 11th 2010

State Meet is closed for adds and deletes. State paperwork will be printed for all participating schools on March 11th by

the Division Directors. This paperwork will be the only "official" check-in paperwork. Do not attempt to alter it.

MARCH 26TH AND 27TH 2010

STATE MEET

April 30th 2010

Deadline for "Of the Year" Nominations for Fine Arts

June 11th 2010

Summer Meeting in San Antonio

Make sure that your school and yourself, have given the correct contact information to your Division Director and the TAPPS offices. This includes e-mail, phone, and address.

A number of TAPPS students are receiving scholarship money as seniors, based on their state placement, to various Art Schools across the country. The State Director will be putting a list on the website of these schools.

SANCTIONS: this word was used a little more this year than in years past. We usually hear this word associated with sports but the TAPPS Board and Officers have put in place consequences for not following the rules and we have the support of said group to use sanctions. When you and your school are sanctioned it means that you are required to pay at least double fees for whatever fee is in question (example if there is an issue at state then your entire state fee will be doubled), a letter goes in your file and is sent to your school Administrator and Principal, and you and your school are on probation for a year. If your school fails to follow any of the art rules the following year they will be disqualified from competing for that entire year.

The following are situations where you could be sanctioned:

1. Not getting your \$50.00 fee in on time to your district host.
2. Attempting to alter TAPPSTER paperwork, forms, labels, etc... in anyway.
3. Rude and or disrespectful behavior.
4. Altering state qualified work after the district meet is over.
5. Attempting to manipulate any state only event. Examples: trying to enter a student in a different on-site drawing other than their own. Attempting to begin and or turn in a Seek and Sketch drawing that hadn't been officially stamped. Using someone else's photos. Replacing a student that did not come to state with another after the deadline by continuing to use the original students name on all state paperwork including photo envelopes.

Art History Competition Update Information:

See changes in the art manual for 2009-2010. Test is being reworked currently. There will be 40 new prints for this year. The test will be e-mailed to the host a day before their district date. In keep with the "good Faith Effort" a student cannot advance to state with a negative score on their district Art History test. Contact the State Art History Coordinator with additional questions. BRING LABELS.

Participating TAPPS Art Teachers are responsible for knowing all art information on the TAPPS website. **TAPPS District Hosts must follow the hosting packet rules and guidelines as they are written. Attempts otherwise will result in sanctions.** There were hosts that did not collect the \$50.00 mandatory fee upfront 30 days before their district meet. This is not a suggestion! We need to be consistent across the board so schools know what to expect from year to year no matter what district they compete in.

We discussed how work can be disqualified:

1. Copyright issues: the line is being drawn too close anymore when students use other peoples work from the internet or from books and magazines and not make significant changes. Please refer to the 2009-2010 art manual for further clarification of new guidelines for changing work three significant ways). Copy write laws are in place for a reason and if a student tapes on the back of their work someone else's painting and they have copied it – it will get disqualified. The goal is to have ALL WORK BE ENTIRELY CONCEPTUALIZED, DEVELOPED, AND CREATED BY THE STUDENT.
2. Lack of documentation on the back of the work: if work is entered into a category that requires documentation be attached and it isn't – it gets disqualified. This should happen at district. When putting a **student taken photo** on the back of a work please use photo paper to print the image, and make sure the image is at least a 4x6 size. Do not copy the image onto zerox paper and thumbnails are not acceptable. They are much too small for Art Leadership and the judges to see the work properly.
3. Work placed in the wrong category: please read the category descriptions carefully and ask questions. We are here to help you find the right category for all your art work. If the category says that the work has to be on a single piece of flat paper and you put the work on a piece of wood – it will be disqualified. This piece should be pulled out at district and if it can go into another category then move it.
4. Appropriateness: along with the wording we have always carried on nudity and the lack thereof please take note of the following addition; work can be disqualified if it includes profane references to anything, obscene language, extreme violence, self mutilation, or any content that offends the moral standards of the community and/or the TAPPS Board of Directors and Officers. These pieces should never find their way into a TAPPS event but if they do they should be disqualified at district. The basic guidelines for what TAPPS deems acceptable art to enter into this competition was reviewed and changes were made for further clarification. Please review the art manual for further information.
5. Lacking three significant changes: if your students have used a number of internet/books/magazine images for the inspiration for their work then they will need to put copies of the images on the back of their work. The images will need to be no smaller than a 4x6 in size – no thumbnails. If the student has to explain the changes made then the changes weren't significant enough. These copied images should not be the main focus of the work but rather a minor influence on the students own work. See 2009-2010 art manual, Section 232 for further clarification.

NEW SIZE LIMITS: There are new size limits for many categories. Unless otherwise noted all works must be no larger than 42x36 inches. Please carefully review the art manual for all important changes. Additionally there have been categories that were removed, merged and changed for 2009-2010.

Vena Williams is our TAPPSTER connection. Please do not ask her questions about the state schedule, your district meet times, what time the winter meeting is etc... If you have general TAPPSTER questions please contact the District Host, your Division Director, and then the State Director in that order. Please do not email Vena unless the directors are unable to answer your question or if you need a password.

District Competition Update Information:

If you have noticed that your school has been underlined within the TAPPS directory, this is something that the Administrative Office does randomly. Art does not use this information to decide on district meet hosts. The hosts for the spring of 2010 have already been decided and you can find out this information from the TAPPS website under art - Hosts for 2009. If under your district there isn't a host identified please contact the State Art Director.

Thank you to all the 2010 hosts that have attended the meeting today. We had a training session immediately after the meeting.

Thank you to all the schools that signed up to be judges for 2010 district meets. That list will be posted on the website after school resumes.

Hosts should rotate every two years. The concern was raised that some districts are so large this year that there wasn't one school that was big enough to host that hadn't hosted before. Holly repeated the instructions given at the winter meeting, if a school hosted the previous year and it is the only school large enough to hold the event, then another teacher in the district needs to be the host even if the meet is held at the same location. The host responsibilities are such that a teacher doesn't need to be at the competition site to host the event; many schools have made use of this scenario and reported that it worked well. Now that we have TAPPSTER it is much easier to host. If no school is large enough then the district needs to look for alternate locations to have the competition, suggestions included, church building, public schools, etc.

The fee per piece has increased. Review the 2009-2010 manual for the updated amount.

While we are not making it mandatory this year, we are strongly suggesting that you use a TAPPS teacher as one of the judges for your district meet. In almost every case where a district used at least one TAPPS judge, the work qualifying for state had no problems competing at state.

Remember that only one piece of jewelry can be entered per entry. Not a group of jewelry.

It is required this year that all entries have a title. Putting untitled can get confusing for both the person ranking the meet and TAPPSTER.

All students must have an eligibility form on file at their school and the TAPPS office. This year Eligibility forms will be completed and submitted online. They will not need to be printed, signed, and mailed. These forms will be on TAPPSTER.

If any teacher has questions about a piece they plan to enter in the meet, the teacher should contact the District Host and or the Division Director. All questions about pieces are reviewed by each of the Division Directors and Holly (State Director) before a final decision is made.

The day of the district meet, after the teacher walk through, if there are any pieces that need to move to another category, the host must call their Division Director and or State Director, before the judging begins. Only walk through changes will be made. Students will not be added or deleted and additional work will not be added or deleted. Changes will not be made after the meet is finished, and the host will not have the authorization code to make the changes themselves. Schools will not be able to add pieces to the meet that did not get entered before the meet closed for changes. The hosts will not have the authorization code to make changes once the meet closes automatically 7 days before the actual meet date.

Please take a little extra time if necessary, during your walk through, to make sure that pieces are in the right categories and that documentation is on the back. There will not be any appeals at state if the judges and or Art Leadership disqualify entries that incorrectly qualified at district.

All meets must close on TAPPSTER, the day of the meet, and each school must be given a copy of their school summary to sign and return to the host before they leave. All schools should then receive a copy of the signed school summary to take with them.

Reminder: All ART meets advance top 4 in each category to state.

If the meet has 7 or more schools in it (qualifying schools), and 16 entries or more in a category, then the top 5 advance to state. TAPPSTER has been programmed with the above modifications. So if you are part of one of the large divisions, know that TAPPSTER will adjust the pieces moving onto state automatically.

There were many changes made to the categories and rules. Please review changes made on the TAPPS website. The rules will be updated and available for download right after school starts again.

State Competition Update Information:

State Meet – March 26th and 27th 2010. The State schedule is complete and can be reviewed on the website.

Teachers will need to work a mandatory 2 hour shift sometime during the meet dates. It can be split up. After sign up at check in, Division Directors will have a clip board with the times and schools listed. Failure to work could result in sanctions and or fines. Additionally if you

have an Art History student, you will need to volunteer 1 hour of time to help grade. If you do not volunteer with regards to Art History – your student/students will not have their tests graded.

Again, 2010 hosts will not have to volunteer to work. They may also check in 1 hour earlier than everyone else. Refer to the State Schedule posted on the website.

The judge's bios will once again be posted right outside of the gym. Concordia always commits to bringing in the most qualified and professional judges that are available during the dates that we need them. They do attempt to add different judges every year – as they can find them.

We are looking for someone to be the Hospitality Coordinator for State. This person will be in charge of all snacks and drinks for the teachers during the two days of the meet, when the teachers are not working their shift. This job is too big for the Division Directors to handle it anymore. If no one steps up we will not have a hospitality area.

Results will be posted outside the gym when they are confirmed.

If you are not working a shift then you are not allowed in the gym. TAPPS Board members will be monitoring and asking people to leave if necessary. Please consider praying and encouraging the Art Leadership while the state meet is going on as they work very hard to complete the state meet professionally and on time. Negative thoughts expressed or otherwise are not welcome.

Just a reminder: there is no general teacher state walkthrough. TAPPS Art Leadership along with the judges will walk the gym right before judging begins and if necessary, remove disqualified works. These pieces will get a detailed explanation attached to them. Please take a little extra time if necessary at your district meet to make sure that pieces are in the right categories and that documentation is on the back. There will not be any appeals at state if the judges and or Art Leadership disqualify entries.

Preparing for State after District:

On-Site Drawing Competition Update Information:

On-Site Drawing will be more structured this year. This will enable overall better control of the event. Students will be checked in at the classroom being used for On-site Drawing. A map with the location of the on-site state competition will be provided at registration. Chairs will be provided for each student. There are no "B" ticket students. Please review the art manual 2009-2010. Contact the on-site drawing state coordinator with additional questions. Only the placing pieces and honorable mentions will be displayed in the gym after judging and posted in TAPPSTER is complete. BRING LABELS.

On-Site Photography Competition Update Information:

See changes in the art manual for 2009-2010. This is now a district qualifying event. We will be providing the mats for this event. Contact the Photograph state coordinator with additional questions. Only the placing pieces and honorable mentions will be displayed in the gym. BRING LABELS.

Seek and Sketch Competition Update Information:

See changes in the art manual for 2009-2010. Paper will be provided this year(12x18). All students must use this paper and have the official TAPPS stamp put on it. Contact the Seek and Sketch state coordinator with additional questions. Only the placing pieces and honorable mentions will be displayed in the gym. BRING LABELS.

Art History Competition Update Information:

See changes in the art manual for 2009-2010. State schedule for testing times and days has been posted. Contact the State Art History Coordinator with additional questions. BRING LABELS.

If you have questions about due dates, or your students work, or general concerns about the state meet please contact someone well before any of the deadlines listed in these minutes. We do not like to say no to a school with regards to making changes after posted due dates, however with a heart of fairness, no accommodation will be made for the school whose art teacher does not adhere to all art related information and deadlines available online and from the Division, State Coordinators, and the State Director.

Any pieces not picked up at the end of the day will be thrown away.

In conclusion:

Any improvement in the meets occurs when someone has a good idea and is willing to work hard at making changes, and when the individual districts get more organized and do a better job of running their meets.

Check the TAPPS website often for updates and changes.

If your school's art teacher was not present for the Art meeting today, they are still responsible for reading and understanding all changes made to the art manual for 2009-2010.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 with lunch.

Holly

Those who water will also be watered. Proverbs 11:25