



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE
OFFICE OF ARTS & CULTURE

2023/2024 Art Takes a Bus Ride

Art Competition for San Mateo County Students Grades 1 through 12

Sponsored by the San Mateo County Transit District and
the San Mateo County Office of Education

This year's theme: **Exploring Nature with SamTrans**

SamTrans provides service to parks and nature preserves all over San Mateo County, and we want some of these stunning outdoor spaces on our buses. This year's submissions will be celebrations of our environment and the great outdoors with all of its beauty.

PARTICIPATION: Student work will be judged against others in the same grade, depending on participation. Artwork must be created by **students only**.

SIZE OF ART WORK: Artwork is to be created on **9 inches high x 12 inches wide white paper in a horizontal orientation** to fit on the scanner used for making the wrap. No exceptions – submissions not meeting these requirements will not be considered.

MEDIA: Media can be tempera and/or acrylic paint, crayon, felt pen, colored pencil, pastel, watercolor, collage (paper and/or cloth) and mixed media. The use of bold, rich color is encouraged! Try to avoid leaving lots of white space on the canvas. To view the artwork of previous winners, visit: [SamTrans Honors 2022 Art Takes a Bus Ride Winners | SamTrans](#). The student's name, grade, school and teacher must be on the back of the artwork to be considered.

RELEASE FORM: All artwork must be accompanied by the Release Form on the next page. Please have the form signed by parent or guardian for all students participating in the competition (make as many copies as you need). If you have further questions, please call **Allison Gamlen** at **650-802-5335** or e-mail her at agamlen@smcoe.org.

DELIVERY OF ARTWORK: All entries must be delivered FLAT (not rolled or folded) to Allison Gamlen at the San Mateo County Office of Education, 101 Twin Dolphin Drive, Redwood City, CA 94065, **up until December 15, 2023. (Office hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**

JUDGING: All entries are judged on creativity, artistic merit and interpretation of the theme. All decisions are final. Winners will be notified by e-mail and from their school.

RECOGNITION: One winner will be selected from each grade (a total of twelve winners). The six winners will also be recognized at the Art Takes A Bus Ride event **May 2024**.

Release Form

Artwork submitted without a completed release form will not be considered.

(PLEASE PRINT)

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First Name	Last Name	Grade
_____	_____	_____
School	District	

Teacher

I, _____, hereby give and grant to the San Mateo County Transit District free and unlimited right to use, distribute, publish and republish, for any and all news, trade, publicity, commercial or other advertising purposes, artwork submitted by my child named above for the **2023/2024 Art Takes a Bus Ride** competition. In addition, the San Mateo County Transit District has the free and unlimited right to use photos of my child taken in conjunction with the competition for any and all news, trade, publicity, commercial or other advertising purposes.

_____	_____
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
_____	_____
Street Address	City/Zip
_____	_____

E-mail Address