



Art Takes a Bus Ride

Art Competition for
San Mateo County Students
Grades 1 through 12

2024/2025 theme: **Connecting our Community with SamTrans**

Showcase the vibrant and diverse neighborhoods of San Mateo County and how SamTrans brings people together. Highlight local landmarks and everyday moments that illustrate the unity and shared experiences of riding public transportation, connecting everyone in our community.

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES: Student work will be judged against others in the same grade. Artwork must be original and created by **students only**.

- The student's name, grade, school, and teacher must be on the back of the artwork
- A SamTrans bus must be present in the artwork - we must either see the bus or be in the bus
- To view the artwork of previous winners, visit: [SamTrans 2024 Art Takes a Bus Ride](#)

SIZE OF ARTWORK: Artwork should 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 be disqualified.

MEDIA: Media can be paint, crayon, felt pen, pastel, collage (paper and/or cloth), and mixed media.

- The use of bold, rich color is required! Avoid leaving lots of white space on the canvas.

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. If you have further questions, please email **Allison Gamlen** 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 20, 2024**. (Office hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

JUDGING: All entries are judged on creativity, artistic merit, and theme interpretation. 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 winners will also be recognized at the Art Takes A Bus Ride event May 2025.

Release Form

Artwork must be submitted with a completed release form to be considered.

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

----- First Name	----- Last Name(s)	----- Grade
----- School	----- District	
----- Teacher	----- Teacher Email Address	

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 **2024/2025 Art Takes a Bus Ride** competition.

----- Parent/Guardian Signature	----- Date
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E-mail Address

Phone Number

