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## 2024 High School Visual Arts Contest Theme: “The Nature of Water”

This is an exciting opportunity for students to show their artistic talents, win prizes and to make their school and family proud! You probably save water every day, and this program, celebrating Drinking Water Week (May 5-11, 2024) will help encourage all of us to do even more.

**WHO:** Students in **Grades 9-12** residing in Dallas

**WHAT:** 2024 Visual Arts Contest Theme: “The Nature of Water”

**PRIZES:** Students will compete in the visual arts contest in **Grades 9-12**. There will be three (3) winners selected from the submissions. Depending on the submission artistic mediums, the 1<sup>st</sup> Place winning image or a photo of the item may be featured on a City of Dallas blanket or other giveaway item. In addition to the prizes below and a pizza party for the entire class, all winners and their families will be invited to a Dallas City Hall reception.

Student Winners	Prizes	Class Pizza Party
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Winner	Acer® Chromebook	Included
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Winner	Beats by Dr. Dre® Earbuds	Included
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Winner	Wacom® Creative Pen Tablet	Included
Teacher/Team Leader of the	Art Supply Vouchers	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Winner	\$200	Included
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Winner	\$100	Included
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Winner	\$50	Included

**WHEN:** Artwork and entry form are **due by 5:00 p.m. on April 5, 2024**. Winners will be announced April 2024, and a complete list of the finalists will be available on SaveDallasWater.com later in the month. A reception for winners, their teachers and families will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. May 9, 2024, at Dallas City Hall or another cool location.

**WHERE:** Artwork and entry form can be hand delivered or mailed to:

**2024 Water Conservation Arts Contest**  
**City of Dallas OEQS Water Conservation Division**  
**1500 Marilla Street, Room 2AN**  
**Dallas, TX 75201**  
**ATTN: Education Coordinator**

**HOW:** See Entry Rules on page 2 and 3 for additional information.



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## 2024 High School Visual Arts Contest Entry Rules

***Theme: The Nature of Water***

***THE ENTRY FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH EACH ENTRY!***

Competition is open to any student enrolled in grades 9 through 12 attending high school in the City of Dallas. Entries must be postmarked or received no later than **5:00 p.m. on April 9, 2024.**

Entries must be separated and labeled by category. Artwork must be flat – do not roll or fold. Entries may be mailed or delivered to:

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Attn: Education Coordinator**

Artwork must visually demonstrate the importance of saving water (Examples on page 4). Artwork will be judged on creativity, originality, artistic merit, and adherence to guidelines and criteria. Please ensure it is family-friendly content.

- ***Creativity:*** How well the artwork communicates the **2024 theme: The Nature of Water**
- ***Originality:*** Artwork should creatively reflect the idea or concept chosen to illustrate water conservation with as little repetition of pre-existing ideas as possible.
- ***Artistic Merit:*** How well the different elements or components come together as a whole.
- ***Adherence to Guidelines:*** Entries must follow all guidelines, or the submission will be disqualified. See Criteria on page 3 for additional detailed information.

**\*\*\*\*Each entry must be the work of one (1) student. The concept, design and artwork must be the original work of the student entering. If the judges determine that someone other than the student has assisted in the creation of the work, the entry will be disqualified. Winners are selected at the discretion of the judging panel.**



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## 2024 High School Visual Arts Contest

### Guidelines and Criteria

#### Theme: “The Nature of Water”

The acceptable mediums include: painting, drawing, collage, print, and sculpture considered studio art:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawing: charcoal, pastel, ink, pencil, colored pencil, markers
- Charcoal and pastel entries must be sprayed to secure medium
- Collage: must be two dimensional
- Print: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as ink and pencil, etc.
- Sculpture from stone, metal, clay, wood, plaster (photograph and secure the medium before delivery)

All entries must follow these criteria:

- **Entries to include an ‘Artist Statement’ of 300 words or less including:**
  - Title of the piece
  - What inspired your work
  - How the art piece relates to the theme and promotes water conservation
- Only one (1) entry per student
- Artwork should be mounted on a neutral colored board (white, gray, black)
  - Do not mount paintings
  - No glass
  - If desired, sign name on the mount and **not** on the artwork itself
- Charcoal and pastel entries must be sprayed to secure medium
- Submission should be portrait orientation
- Submissions should be no larger than 24” x 24” with the mount adding no more than one (1) inch to the size
- Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws.



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## Water Conservation Tips

Water is our most precious resource. The oceans would not exist if there had not been the first drop of water. Drops of water steadily dripping onto stone can hollow it out, a droplet of water sliding over a surface can create an electric charge. People need to drink water every day to be healthy! Without water, we could not wash clothes or our hair, we could not grow food. **The Nature of Water** is that it occurs in three states: ice, steam, and liquid. The nature of water is that every living thing on earth must have it to live. Let us not wait for a water crisis in our area to save it.

1. Water covers 71% of our planet but there is only 1% available fresh water for drinking and use at home, at school, for work, and at play!
2. The drop of water falling on your head as rain, may have been the same drop of water a dinosaur drank. It's all the same water in the water cycle!
3. Take shorter showers – five minutes or less. Try to save even more by turning the water on to get wet then turn it off to lather up, and finally turning it back on to rinse off.
4. Think about other ways to use water before letting it go down the drain. Water plants with pasta water or the water used to boil eggs or potatoes! Find healthy ways to reuse water.
5. Avoid water toys that need a constant stream of water.
6. Only run the dishwasher or washing machine when they are full.
7. Watch for leaky faucets and learn how to help your mom or dad fix them. Did you know that it can waste over 25 gallons of water a day?
8. Ask your parents to install a water-saving shower head. In addition to the water it saves, it also saves the fuel that would have been used to heat up the extra hot water. That saves your family money and helps reduce pollution.
9. Do not let the water run when you wash dishes.
10. Do not let the water run when you brush your teeth. Wet your toothbrush, brush your teeth, turn the water on to rinse your mouth out and the brush, then turn it off!
11. In Dallas, water twice weekly or less. Become best friends with your sprinkler system and the controller, learn how it operates! Another landscape tip: too much water causes grass and plants to have shallow roots which can make them unhealthy.
12. Try to do one thing each day that will save water. Even if savings are small, every drop counts.



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## Water Conservation Art Contests Entry Form

*A completed (no blank fields) entry form must be included with each entry, or it will be disqualified. (Form must be taped or glued to the back of artwork). Be sure to include the theme title in the artwork: The Nature of Water.*

All entries become City of Dallas property and may be reproduced in future water education literature.

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**Please type or print legibly.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student/Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit art and completed entry form FOR EACH ENTRY by 4/9/2024 to:**

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**For questions, please call (214) 670-3155 or  
E-mail us at [contests@savedallaswater.com](mailto:contests@savedallaswater.com)**