

2018-2019 JCTA Human & Civil Rights Committee

MLK Jr Diversity Contest Rules:

*****Any work not including the following, will not be considered*****

1. *Entries will be judged on how well they reflect this year's themes:*
 - **Elementary (K-3, 4-5, ECE):** "The time is always right to do what is right."
 - **Middle School (6-8, ECE) /High School (9-12, ECE):** "We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back."
2. *Each teacher may submit up to 5 entries per category.*
3. *Each category will be judged in the following areas: Primary (K-3), Intermediate (4-5), Middle (6-8), High (9-12) and ECE (Primary Elementary, Intermediate Elementary, Middle, High)*
4. **Each entry must include TWO completed cover sheets.**
5. *Entries must be submitted to the JCTA Office no later than Friday, November30 @ 5:00 pm.*

Performance Criteria:

- Performance entries are to be original in nature and can be no more than 5 minutes in length.
- All entries must be submitted via youtube link.
- Judging Criteria:
 - Content: Cohesive, adheres to theme
 - Vocal: Enunciation/volume; expression (rhythm/intonation)
 - Physical/Facial: Emotion; Costume/dress; gestures (natural); stance
 - Creativity: Interpretation of subject; Unique vision

Visual Arts Criteria:

- Visual Arts entries may be in the form of a poster, painting, sculpture, diorama, shadow box, etc.
- Works must be original; no copies, stencils or clip art.
- Judging Criteria:
 - Content: Cohesive, adheres to theme
 - Media: Unity of parts, neat and clean
 - Style: Line, Balance, Composition, Color
 - Creativity: Interpretation of Theme, Unique Vision

Writing Criteria:

- Writing entries may be in the form of an original non-fiction essay, fictional prose or poem.
- Writing entries must comply with the JCPS writing rubric.
- Writing entries may be typed or handwritten on white, 8 ½ x 11 paper
- Judging Criteria:
 - Content: adheres to theme, specific examples
 - Mechanics: capitalization, punctuation, grammar, spelling
 - Style/Usage: Diction (choice of words-specific and concrete), Transitions within and between paragraphs, Clarity of Thought
 - Creativity: Interpretation of theme; Unique vision
 - Length: K-1 (min. 50 words); 2-5 (no more than 2 pages); 6-8 and 9-12 (500-1,000 words; 1-2 pages)

