















## ArtAbilities: Honoring Abilities of Students in Special Education Through the Arts

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## Vision:

- ☐ Serve as a mechanism to reveal and to highlight the artistic abilities of children who are so often singled out for their limitations.
- ☐ Helps to overturn negative stereotypes of disability.
- ☐ Create a new vision of independence and full access to community life through self realization and discovery.















## **Process:**

- ☐ Students in special education programs enter ArtAbilities competition.
- ☐ Teachers throughout the county submit the students' best works.
- ☐ The ArtAbilities Committee selects 25 art pieces.
- ☐ Winners are honored at an art exhibition and award ceremony event.
- ☐ Winners receive a medal, monetary award, gifts and accolades from their family and friends.