

# Montgomery County Public Schools

## United We Learn:

### Combating Hate through the Arts

#### Important Dates to Remember

<b>March 17, 2017</b>	<b>Contest opens</b>
<b>April 21, 2017</b>	<b>Submissions are due</b>
<b>May 22, 2017</b>	<b>Winners announced</b>

#### Contest Rules and Regulations

##### **Purpose**

Combating the elevated levels of divisiveness, prejudice, bias and hate that have emerged in our county and country is the responsibility of every community member, including students. Montgomery County Public Schools, in partnership with the Montgomery County Faith Community Advisory Council, the Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, the Montgomery County Commission of Human Rights and the Committee on Hate Violence, is launching a student contest called United We Learn: Combating Hate through the Arts. This contest asks students to use art to explore issues of diversity, bias and prejudice to empower the community to combat hate. This contest is directly aligned with our core values of Learning, Respect, Relationships, Equity and Excellence.

##### **Participation**

##### **Eligibility of participants**

All participants must be students currently enrolled in Montgomery County Public Schools.

##### **Eligibility of Entries**

- Items for submission must be completed by a group of two or more.

- Submissions must be received through the online portal or the main office by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2017.
- The work must follow the MCPS guidelines regarding appropriateness of language and subject matter found in *2016–2017 A Student's Guide to Rights and Responsibilities in Montgomery County Public Schools*.
- Submissions may not include the use of ANY copyrighted materials unless express written permission has been provided by the copyright holder.
- The Submission Review Committee has the right to refuse to critique any entry not complying with the contest rules.

### **Grade Level Groups**

- Entries will be accepted in these grade level groups: Elementary, Middle and High.
- If students from more than one grade level are working together, entries must be submitted in the grade level of the oldest member of the group.

### **Submitting Work**

- An entry form must accompany each project. The entry forms can be found on the website at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/events/unitedwelearn/>.
- Students must select one or more categories for each entry using the specific categories outlined in the competition guidelines.
- Each entry must be submitted either through the submission portal located at <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/events/unitedwelearn/> or in the main office of the participants' school. A printable PDF form is available on the website and must accompany any entries submitted through school offices.

### **Categories**

The following are the categories for submission:

- **Written**
  - i. Examples
    1. Essay
    2. Poem
    3. Play (script)
- **Performance**

Performances must be recorded in an electronic format that can be submitted via the contest website.

  - i. Examples
    1. Dance
    2. Play (performance)
    3. Song
- **Multimedia**
  - i. Examples

1. Video/Film
  2. Audio Recording/Podcast
- **Visual Art**
    - i. Examples
      1. Poster
      2. Painting
      3. Graphic design
      4. Sculpture
      5. Photo

**Please Note:** Students may submit the same entry in multiple categories, for example, a video of a dance can be submitted for consideration in both the performance category and multimedia categories. Or, the script for a play can be submitted in the written category and the performance of the play can be submitted in the performance category.

### **Judging**

- The Submission Review Committee will judge all entries in all categories.
- The Submission Review Committee will be made up of MCPS staff members, representatives from our contest partners—the Faith Community Advisory Council, the Montgomery County Office of Human Rights, the Montgomery County Commission of Human Rights and the Committee on Hate Violence and others.
- Submissions will be judged based on:
  - i. Creativity
  - ii. Alignment with the purpose of the contest
  - iii. Impact/Emotion
  - iv. Collaboration
- The highest scoring entry in each category for each grade level will receive a first place award. Second and third place awards will also be given.
- Winners will be announced on Monday, May 22, 2017.

**All submissions become the property of Montgomery County Public Schools. Submissions turned in to school offices may not be returned to the schools.**