

Road Safety Art Contest

ENTER THE ART CONTEST!

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces the 2019 Road Safety Art Contest, an annual coloring contest that encourages children in kindergarten through sixth grade (ages 5-12) to use their creativity and talent to raise awareness of how to stay safe on the roads.

The winning artwork will best show how everyone who uses the roads has a role to play in safety. This includes big trucks and buses, cars, bicyclists and pedestrians.

CONTEST RECOGNITION

One GRAND PRIZE and five HONORABLE MENTION winners are awarded in two categories:

Category A: Artists in kindergarten through second grade, as of June 7, 2019.

Category B: Artists in third through sixth grade, as of June 7, 2019.

All 12 winners will receive a framed copy of their artwork and a certificate of recognition. Each winner's artwork, name, age and grade will also be featured in a 2020 calendar, a press release, highlighted on multiple social media sites, and featured on the FMCSA website.



CONTEST RULES

1. **Entry deadline is June 7, 2019.** Winners will be notified after judging. Contest winners will be officially announced via the FMCSA website and social media in fall 2019.
2. Children in kindergarten through sixth grade (ages 5-12) are eligible. Only one entry per child.
3. The child must produce the artwork without assistance from anyone else. The entry must be original and not a copy of another work.
4. Artwork can be a drawing, painting, collage or other two-dimensional piece. Artwork must be horizontal in layout (also known as landscape), without a mat, frame or border and created on paper no larger than 11"x17".
5. Artwork must include imagery of big trucks and/or buses. Imagery of cars, motorcycles, bicycles, or pedestrians is also encouraged. Seat belt usage for all people pictured (in vehicles) is mandatory.
6. Artists selected for Grand Prize may only win the Grand Prize title once.

SUBMISSION RULES

Artwork and form may be submitted via mail or e-mail.

Mailed Submissions:

1. The artwork must include on the back of artwork: student first and last name, grade, teacher or parent name, school, home address, and parent phone. Use separate piece of paper for this contact information and tape to the back of the artwork. **Do not use staples or paper clips.**
2. The contest may copy and modify any entry for reproduction. Artwork will not be returned and may be used for future contest promotions.
3. All entries must be postmarked to the address listed below no later than June 7, 2019.
4. Must include a completed entry form with the artwork.

E-Mailed Submissions:

1. To submit artwork digitally, please take a photo or a scan of the artwork, and e-mail image to: fmcsa.outreach@dot.gov.
2. Subject line must read: "2019 Road Safety Art Contest Submission: (Child's First and Last Name)".
3. Accepted file types: .jpg, .pdf, .png. File size must be less than 10MB.
4. Must attach a completed entry form as part of the e-mail.
5. If chosen as a winner or honorable mention, the child's original, hand-drawn artwork must be mailed to the address at the end of this form. Inability to submit artwork will result in disqualification.

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THEME & ARTWORK IDEAS

Requirements:

1. The art must SHOW A TRUCK AND/OR A BUS.
2. Make sure all drivers and passengers in all vehicles are shown wearing seat belts.
3. **There are no limitations on the number of overall vehicles in the artwork including cars. But the scene depicted should be similar to a real life road situation.**

Hint: Make sure you put a lot of room between the big truck/big bus and the car or bicycle so they are not too close.

In creating artwork, children should use one of the following:

1. **Draw a truck driver or bus driver smiling at a person who is in a car traveling safely or on a bicycle riding safely on the road.**

Hint: Make sure the person in the car or bike rider sees the truck or bus driver too!

2. **Draw a truck or bus making a turn in a busy street.**

Hint: Make sure the other cars and people are giving the large truck or bus a lot of room and are not too close.

EXAMPLES FROM PREVIOUS CONTESTS

Trucks and buses take longer to stop.



Drivers and passengers practice road safety by wearing seat belts.



Trucks and buses make wide turns.



All drivers and car passengers should be shown wearing a seat belt.

For more ideas for artwork visit the FMCSA website at:

www.fmcsa.dot.gov/OurRoadsArtContest

