



ALL KIDS INCLUDED BREAKING NEWS



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS' ALL KIDS INCLUDED COMMUNICATION

AKI promotes inclusive arts and cultural programs in school settings and throughout the community so that kids of all abilities and their families can participate fully in the arts.

More information about AKI programs and partner events is available at:

www.AllKidsIncludedMiami.org

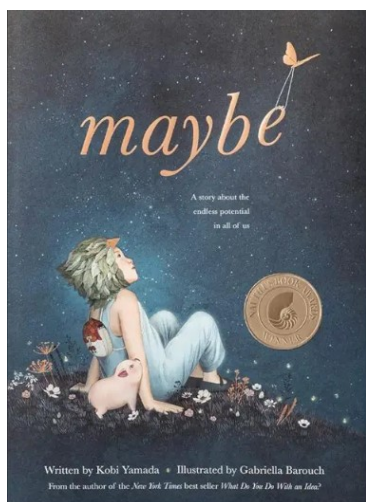
Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs All Kids Included 2026 Annual District-Wide Student Art Competition *Celebrating Inclusion through the Endless Potential in All of Us*

This competition is open to all Miami-Dade students in grades Pre K-12, through the school's art teacher, or directly by the student through the Miami-Dade County Public Library System. Art teachers, or students through the Miami-Dade County Public Library System, may submit artwork for final consideration by the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

- 1) The All Kids Included (AKI) district-wide student visual art competition is held each year in conjunction with the All Kids Included Family Arts Festival and is open to all Miami-Dade students in grades Pre K-12. The AKI Family Arts Festival is presented annually as an innovative, interdisciplinary community arts festival for children and families with or without disabilities, and features live performances, interactive arts activities, student field trips, a district-wide student art competition and exhibit, and community resources for parents.

For the art competition: student artists are invited to submit original artwork depicting the competition and festival theme and are asked to draw on the competition and festival's selected book for inspiration. Semi-finalists and finalists' artwork will be exhibited virtually and at one or more regional Miami-Dade County Public libraries and/or during the AKI Family Arts Festival at The Dennis C. Moss Cultural Arts Center in Cutler Bay.



- 2) The All Kids Included theme for 2026 is inspired by the book, *Maybe: A Story about the Endless Potential in All of Us* written by Kobi Yamada and illustrated by Gabriella Barouch. You are more amazing than you even know. New York Times best-selling author Kobi Yamada has written a story about the unbound potential you hold inside. With striking, realistic illustrations, it's a reminder that you were meant for incredible things. And maybe, just maybe, you will exceed your wildest dreams.



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Student artists should read the book for inspiration and depict the themes of inclusion, inner-strength, and resilience.

Search the Miami-Dade Public Library System for *Maybe: A Story about the Endless Potential in All of Us* at: <https://catalog.mdpls.org/>. Watch a preview on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8r_CknkewPg.

- 3) Students must use the competition theme and selected book for inspiration. **Artwork created for other lessons/purposes will not be judged.**
- 4) All designs must be the original work of the student. No reproductions of existing illustrations, copyrighted materials, or the work of others may be submitted.
- 5) All 2-D mediums, except oils, are permitted.
- 6) Finished artwork must be 2-D.
- 7) There is no limit on the number of colors used in the design.
- 8) Finished artwork must not be larger than 18" x 24", including matting.
- 9) **No text or lettering** may be used in the composition. **This is not a poster competition**
- 10) **No glass or plastic frames permitted.**
- 11) **No heavy boards or similar materials permitted.** Finished artwork must be matted, lightweight, and ready for hanging display.
- 12) Up to 10 entries per school may be submitted. **One submittal per artist.**
- 13) **All submissions must include the following:**
 - a. **completed portfolio inventory list submission form**
 - b. **completed artwork transfer authorization form**
 - c. **the following identification information printed clearly on or attached to the back of the artwork:**
 - name of the student
 - student mailing address
 - student/parent email
 - student age/grade
 - name of the school
 - name of the art teacher
 - art teacher/contact telephone number
 - art teacher/contact e-mail
 - title of the artwork
 - artist statement

Please indicate if student is a SPED/ESE student. (See portfolio inventory list submission form)



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Please ask that the parent or guardian of each student complete the Artwork Authorization Form. Every attempt will be made to return the artwork to the student. However, in the unlikely event that this is not possible, this form transfers all rights in and to the artwork, including ownership and copyrights, to the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs. If the artwork is not able to be returned to the student, the artwork shall become the property of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs upon submission to be used in such manner and for such purpose as the Department of Cultural Affairs deems appropriate. (See Artwork Transfer Authorization form).

All submissions are due no later than February 2, 2026. For additional information and to download required forms visit www.AllKidsIncludedMiami.org or contact Ivette Dominguez Ivette.Dominguez@miamidade.gov.

Entries may be submitted by mail or hand delivered to one of the following locations:

- 1) Ivette Dominguez
Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
2024 All Kids Included Student Art Competition
111 NW 1st ST, Suite 625
Miami, FL 33128
- 2) Mabel Morales, District Supervisor, Visual Arts
Division of Academics
Visual and Performing Arts
Office of Academics and Transformation
Miami-Dade County Public Schools
1501 NE 2nd Avenue, Suite 316
Miami, Florida 33132
- 3) Via School Mail:
Division of Academics
Visual and Performing Arts
Office of Academics and Transformation
Art Education Program/#9626/Suite 316
- 4) Hand Delivered to any Miami-Dade County Public Library Branch
For a list of Miami-Dade County Public Libraries, go to: <http://www.mdpls.org/locator/map.html>

The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs All Kids Included Art Competition selection panels will judge the submissions based upon the following criteria:

- *Design:* A unified composition reflecting the effective use of the elements of art and principles of design.
- *Expressive Content:* Original and creative interpretation of the stated theme.



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- **Media:** The effective use of the selected techniques and materials.
- **Guidelines:** Adherence to the competition guidelines.

COMPETITION AWARDS:

Selected semi-finalists will be chosen to have their work exhibited and will receive a copy of the book,

Maybe: A Story About the Potential in All of Us.

In addition, semi-finalists will be automatically entered into the AKI Student Art Competition finals (see below).

1st, 2nd, 3rd place and honorable mention winners will be selected from the semi-finalists for Pre-K, Elementary, Middle and High School levels to receive the prizes as outlined below, and to have their work exhibited. A grand prize for "Best in Show" will also be chosen. Winning students will each receive a medal and an All Kids Included goody bag.

* Art teachers submitting entries selected for 1st Place will each receive a \$100 Blick Art Supply Card

** Art teacher submitting the entry selected for Best in Show will receive a \$250 Blick Art Supply Card

<u>Grades</u>	<u>1st Place *</u>	<u>2nd Place</u>	<u>3rd Place</u>
Pre-K	\$100 Blick Art Supply Card	\$75 Blick Art Supply Card	\$50 Blick Art Supply Card
Elementary School	\$100 Blick Art Supply Card	\$75 Blick Art Supply Card	\$50 Blick Art Supply Card
Middle School	\$100 Blick Art Supply Card	\$75 Blick Art Supply Card	\$50 Blick Art Supply Card
High School	\$100 Blick Art Supply Card	\$75 Blick Art Supply Card	\$50 Blick Art Supply Card
Best in Show: **	\$250 Blick Art Supply Card	Honorable Mentions:	\$ 25 Blick Art Supply Card

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It is the policy of Miami-Dade County to comply with all of the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. To request materials in accessible format, sign language interpreters, CART, and/or any accommodation to participate in any Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs program or meeting, please contact Dana Pezoldt at 305-375-4634 or culture@miamidade.gov at least five days in advance to initiate your request. TTY users may also call 711 (Florida Relay Service).

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To find out more information on upcoming activities and shows, please visit
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The All Kids Included – Accessible Art Experiences for Kids (AKI) initiative was developed by the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, made possible with the support of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, and in part through grant funding provided by The Children's Trust. The Children's Trust is a dedicated source of revenue established by voter referendum to improve the lives of children and families in Miami-Dade County.