



# Olympics of the Visual Arts, the 44th Year

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Saratoga Springs City Center

Saratoga Springs, NY

PLEASE be sure to distribute this information to all of your teams and teacher chaperones. We are excited to welcome 224 teams of students from across the state to NYSATA's OVA. We also welcome parents to attend to experience the excitement. To help you prepare for a smooth arrival and experience at OVA please attend to the following information:

## OVA ARRIVAL CHECK LIST

- Registration Form** (1 per district) completed to hand in at the check in table
  - Chaperone Forms** (1 per team) completed to hand in at check in table
  - Media Release Forms** (1 per student) completed to hand in at check in
  - 1 **GOOGLE SLIDE per team** entry labeled correctly submitted via **slide link** on the NYSATA Website [OVA page](#) (slide template to force copy via website link) Sharing rights set to **ANYONE CAN EDIT** DUE APRIL 23rd
  - Art Materials for the On Demand Design Event for **every** team
  - Bag lunches in one large marked container to store on site in the designated location (meeting room 2 upstairs)
  - Large Plastic Bags for your clean-up effort. OVA is a carry-in, carry-out event.
  - Review appropriate conduct expectations with all participating students.
  - Encourage students to bring some CASH or card to purchase OVA merchandise
- *BUSES MAY NOT Drop students across from the City Center on Broadway Street. We have had issues with local traffic officials. Please direct all bus drivers to use the side street adjacent to the city center (Ellsworth Jones Place) Buses may then park along Maple Ave or other locations nearby.*



## **Important Announcements and Reminders for OVA 2026...**

***\*\*It is the responsibility of the District's Primary Contact person to share this information with each team and teacher chaperone.***

### **UPON ARRIVAL:**

One District Representative should check in the teams with all necessary paperwork

- District Registration Form
- Chaperone Forms to confirm students and teachers, responsible for them, in attendance with emergency contact numbers & emails
- Student Media Release Forms. (staple each team's student forms to the Chaperone Form)

**-Once checked in, each team will be presented their **assigned number** in their category and directed to report to the category area to meet an OVA Category Coordinator who will direct you where to set up. Levels are Color Coded **ELEMENTARY MIDDLE**  
**HIGHSCHOOL****

**-Be respectful of our event volunteers who are there to help make the experience enjoyable and equitable for all involved.**

**-Adhere to all noted size limitations, and be cooperative & kind to other district OVA friends assigned to spaces around you.**

**-Please do not reserve large sections of seats in the main hall. We have many parents and adults who will benefit from seating during the On-Demand Challenge.**

**The City Center **DOES NOT ALLOW:****

- Tacking ANYTHING on the walls
- Sitting on tables
- Use of wet materials (paint, glue, ink, etc)
- Helium Balloons, Glitter or Sand
- Access to the hallway/nextdoor hotel
- Food/Drink in the Category Areas: Lunches should be stored upstairs

### **SLIDE SUBMISSION:**

**\*\*Final Design PHOTO SUBMISSION\*\*** Each team is required to upload a jpeg **in a google slide** of their long-term solution prior to the event (by APRIL 23rd).

**Name your slide link using the format described below:**

**"Category.Level.SchoolDistrict"** For level use either high, middle, or elem

(for example: Illustration.Middle.Clinton)

### **Additional Reminders and Recommendations...**

- Be sure to bring your On-Demand problem materials for each team and your Process Portfolio to display with your long-term solution, as well as any necessary equipment.
- Please acquaint students with expectations for appropriate guest behavior while at the city center venue. Plan to bring large trash bags to responsibly clear away any materials at the close of the event.
- Each school district is responsible for their entries, equipment and personal belongings. We ask you to be respectful of others.
- Arrivals and departures should occur on the side of the City Center entrance on Ellsworth Jones Place. Please do not drop off across the street on Broadway. Parking is available along Maple Ave or in areas around the center.

We look forward to another exciting OVA event. Best wishes as you work to complete your long-term design solutions.

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