
Think Globally Contest: Global Snack Challenge



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Contest overview

Kindergarten to Grade 12 students residing in Alberta or enrolled in Alberta accredited international schools are invited to explore global cultures through the universal language of food! Participants are asked to share a beloved snack, as well as a personal memory or imaginary story related to it. Whether it's a cherished family favourite, a travel-inspired taste, or a food shared at a friend's house, we want to hear your story and see an illustration of your snack.

Contest guidelines

Submission requirements

Participants are asked to submit two components:

1. An **artwork** that depicts:
 - A global snack; and/or
 - A personal memory or imaginary story involving the snack; and/or
 - The ingredients that make up the snack.
 - Artwork must be created on 8.5" x 11" (Letter size) paper or larger.
 - Any medium is welcome (e.g., pencil, paint, markers, mixed media).
2. A handwritten or typed **composition** on a separate paper or on the digital form space, may include:
 - The name and origin culture of the snack;
 - A brief description of the snack (for example: taste, texture, what you like about it);
 - A personal memory or imaginary story involving the snack; and/or
 - A reflection on how this snack helps you connect with global cultures.

Word count guidelines for the written composition:

Group	Grade	Word Count
1	Kindergarten – Grade 1	Up to 100 words
2 and 3	Grades 2 – 6	Up to 150 words
4 and 5	Grades 7 –12	Up to 250 words

How will top selected student work be recognized?

1. Top selected students in each group will receive a snack/food-themed prize package.
2. Students selected for artistic achievement in each group will receive an art-themed prize package.
3. Top selected students' artwork and descriptions may be:
 - displayed at events in Alberta; and/or
 - featured in promotional materials to be presented as official gifts by the Government of Alberta to visiting international delegates.

Rules and regulations

Eligibility

1. The contest is open to all Kindergarten to Grade 12 students residing in Alberta or attending Alberta accredited international schools.
2. To enter the contest, the student must submit an original piece of artwork, short written composition, the official entry form and copyright license.
3. For minors, a parent or guardian must sign the official entry form and copyright license.

Artwork and written composition

1. The artwork must be the student's original artwork.
2. The artwork must feature one or more of the following:
 - The snack;
 - Personal memory or imaginary story involving the snack; and/or
 - The ingredients that make up the snack.
3. The artwork can be a drawing, painting or a combination thereof.
4. The artwork can be created digitally, by hand or a combination thereof.
5. The artwork must be at least 8.5" x 11" (Letter size) paper or larger.
6. The artwork must be respectful and considerate of all individuals and cultures.
7. The artwork must be accompanied by a brief composition written by the student. The written composition can be handwritten or typed by the student.

Selection of awards

1. Artwork that fulfills the rules and regulations will be reviewed by judges chosen by Education and Childcare.
2. The artwork will be evaluated in the following five grade categories:
 - Group 1: Kindergarten – Grade 1
 - Group 2: Grades 2 – 3
 - Group 3: Grades 4 – 6
 - Group 4: Grades 7 –9
 - Group 5: Grades 10 –12
3. The artwork will be evaluated using the following criteria:
 - Clarity, expression and relevance to theme;

- Cultural insight;
 - Creativity & originality; and
 - Artistic quality.
4. One (1) winner, two (2) honourable mentions and one (1) artistic achievement winner will be selected per group.
 5. Contest winners will be notified by telephone or email that their entry has won and informed of the procedure to follow to claim the applicable prize. If the student declines the prize, the prize may be forfeited and awarded to another participating student.
 6. Education and Childcare may contact the contest winners to obtain a photograph of the student, without further compensation, for use in any Education and Childcare advertisement, publication or promotion for general news or other information purposes.

Submission details and deadline

1. Original artwork accompanied by a properly completed official entry form and copyright license shall be considered a valid entry.
2. Individual students must submit entries. Group entries will not be accepted.
3. Only one contest submission is allowed per student. Multiple entries will not be accepted.
4. The artwork can be submitted digitally or in hard copy.
5. Artwork will not be returned to participants. Students should retain a copy of their artwork. Education and Childcare is not responsible for any artwork that is corrupt, damaged or did not transmit properly.
6. Entries, including entries submitted by mail, must be received by the International Education Services Branch by **Friday, January 16, 2026**.

Disclaimer

1. No copyrighted materials may be used for the contest.
2. Upon submission, the artwork becomes the sole property of Education and Childcare, and all copyright in and to the artwork is transferred and assigned to Education and Childcare.
3. Students or parents/legal guardians grant Education and Childcare the right to use, reproduce, reprint, distribute, perform and/or display the student's name and their artwork without further compensation or notification to the student.
4. Winning artwork and/or copies of it may be displayed in events and activities held by Education and Childcare and be presented to visiting foreign delegations by the Government of Alberta.
5. The artwork or parts of the artwork may be used by Education and Childcare for any advertisement, publication, promotion or any other purposes.
6. If Education and Childcare does not receive pieces of artwork of sufficient quantity or quality, Education and Childcare reserves the right not to award any prizes.
7. Any false information provided within the context of the contest by any student concerning information provided in the official entry form, the copyright license or non-compliance with these rules and regulations may result in the immediate elimination of the student from the contest.
8. Education and Childcare reserves the right to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the contest for any reason without any prior notice to any student.
9. This contest shall be governed by and construed in accordance with these rules, the laws of the Province of Alberta and any applicable federal laws including copyright law. These rules govern all aspects of the contest and are binding on all students and all other parties including a student's parents and legal guardians if the student is younger than 18 years of age.
10. These contest rules and regulations may be changed without notice or reason including, if necessary, to comply with any applicable law. By entering this contest, students agree to abide by these rules and regulations.

For more information about the contest rules and regulations, please contact International Education Services at: intl.ed.sec@gov.ab.ca.

Submission checklist

A valid entry must include the following:

- ☐ original piece of artwork on 8.5" x 11" (Letter size) paper or larger;
- ☐ short composition in the digital box provided;
- ☐ completed official entry form; and
- ☐ completed copyright license.

For hard-copy submissions, please send by mail, courier or drop-off in person to:

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Education and Childcare
International Education Services Branch
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For digital submissions, please attach all items required for a valid entry and email to: intl.ed.sec@gov.ab.ca.

When emailing, please use the following naming convention in the subject line: Global Snack Challenge /Last name/First name. Please attach all documents as PDF.

Entries, including entries submitted by mail, must be received by the International Education Services Branch by Friday, January 16, 2026. No late entries will be accepted.

Submissions instructions

You can submit your artwork by uploading either a scanned copy or an attached photo of your original piece.

Option 1: Scanned copy

1. Scan your artwork
 - Set the scanner to high resolution (300 DPI) for best quality.
 - Save the file in the box below as a PDF, JPEG, or PNG.
 - Save the file. Name your file clearly, e.g., Firstname_Lastname_Group3.pdf.
2. Upload the file

- Click the box below.
- Click the “Attach File” or “Browse” button.
- Select your scanned file and confirm the upload.

Option 2: Digital photo

1. Take a clear photo of your artwork
 - Use a smartphone or camera.
 - Ensure good lighting and avoid shadows or glare.
 - Frame the entire artwork in the photo.
2. Save the photo
 - Check the image for clarity.
 - Save it as a JPEG or PNG file.
 - Name your file clearly, e.g., Firstname_Lastname_Group3.jpg.
3. Upload the file
 - Click the box below.
 - Click the “Attach File” or “Browse” button.
 - Select your photo file and confirm the upload.

Tips for a Successful Submission

- Make sure your file is under the maximum size limit.
- Only one file can be uploaded per entry.
- Double-check that the file opens correctly before submitting.