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## News release

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### ***North Middle School sixth-grade student creates winning flag***

*Joanna Marin's flag represents Washington's youth artist at national art conference*

Joanna Marin is a sixth-grader at North Middle School. Her flag design, submitted in a contest of the National Art Educator's Association, will hang at the conference in Chicago in March.

Marin designed the flag to represent the arts in Washington state, and she will see it return from Chicago to hang in the OSPI building in Olympia.



Teachers from across Washington and other states submitted flags in the contest. Marin's was chosen from among high school, middle school and elementary entries from across the state of Washington to represent our state's youth arts. It was chosen for its painterly depiction of all four arts; dance, theater, music and visual arts.

Teacher Cynthia Gaub says of the young artist, "Joanna is a quiet and dedicated art club member." This year's art club at North will soon become a chapter of the National Junior Art Honor Society. All club members are required to participate in contests and community service.

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