



SKETCH TO STREET

STUDENT ART CONTEST

A real-world creative project for your classroom.

Sketch to Street is a classroom-ready creative project that gives high school students a real-world design opportunity tied to art, history and civic pride.

Through this student art contest, one student design will be selected to become a BCRTA bus wrap, unveiled in May 2026. Student artwork will travel throughout Butler County, giving young artists a chance to see their work showcased in the community.

No graphic design experience required.

Creativity, storytelling and originality are what matter most.



A Prompt You Can Add to Your Curriculum

This year's theme, "The Road to 250: Honoring America's Journey," is designed to support classroom discussion and creative exploration. Students are asked to create an original design that:

- Celebrates the United States' 250th birthday
- Reflects our nation's story, progress and future
- Connects to transit, movement or travel

The prompt works well for art, history, civics or interdisciplinary projects and can be adapted to fit your curriculum and schedule.

Who Can Participate

High school students enrolled for the 2025–26 school year, including homeschooled students, may participate if they meet one of the following criteria:

- Live in Butler County
- Are enrolled in a Butler County high school
- Participate in a Butler County art program

Important Competition Details

All entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. March 31, 2026.

How students can submit:

- Online at butlercountyrta.com/sketch-to-street
- Email mcknightk@butlercountyrta.com
- Drop-off or mail-in to:
Butler County Regional Transit Authority
Attn: Katie McKnight
6 S. Second Street, Floor 6
Hamilton, OH 45011



Accepted Art Formats

- Hand-drawn or painted artwork
- Digital illustrations
- Photography-based compositions

Official templates are required for all submissions.

How Student Work Will Be Evaluated

- Storytelling and clarity of message
- Connection to public transit and/or Butler County
- Visual impact and creativity
- Strong composition and balance

Support for Teachers

Submission guidelines, templates and tips for helping students succeed are available at butlercountyrta.com/sketch-to-street.

Questions or need help implementing?

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