

Dakota Memorial Art Department

Grades 7-12

Our School Purpose: “Our greatest contribution is to be sure there is a teacher in every classroom who cares that every student every day learns and grows and feels like a real human being.” -Donald O. Clifton

Welcome to Dakota Memorial School Grade 7-12 Student Art Exhibition at the Spirit Room. Throughout the quarter we have been creating, designing, and gaining confidence in our decision making. As artists and students we are learning how to communicate our ideas through visual imagery, and how to communicate ideas in our writing through artist statements and research papers.

Students selected their favorite pieces from the quarter. The Ansel Adams photography lesson was a favorite. Students photographed the landscape around the school. They were encouraged to look and see the landscape differently- first pre-visualizing what they wanted to photograph in their mind followed by capturing the moment on camera.

Along with their project, students explored how to connect concepts and emotions through lighting and composition. Concepts applied to the current body of work in all mediums are alternative perception of the world around us, symbolism of self, and purpose of art production.

Middle school students’ mediums selected are sharpie marker drawings and a 2:1 grid enlargement painting in acrylic.

Above all the goals in the art department are for students to gain confidence in themselves, develop an appreciation for themselves, others, and art as well as becoming curious, independent individuals. Thank you to Spirit Room for the opportunity to showcase our work. With every public art display and feedback for our artists from the community, students’ confidences in themselves and their abilities grow.

Thank you to the Supporters of Dakota Memorial School, for your contributions and donations for supplies to make this program possible.

And to the students for your hard work and sharing your work with the public.

-Ms. Wilhelm
Visual Art Instructor

“A Room Hung with Pictures is a Room Hung with Thoughts”-Joshua Reynolds