



DEARBORN COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER

# Chalk the Walk

## Earth Day Contest



The Dearborn County Recycling Center is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Chalk the Walk Mural Contest as part of Dearborn County's celebration of Earth Day, April 22, 2026. Rather than individual submissions, we want classrooms to work together as a team to create a mural for Earth Day. All classrooms in grades K-12 in Dearborn County are invited to submit a sidewalk chalk mural inspired by recycling and reuse.

### Guidelines

- The contest is open to all K-12 classrooms at a public or private school in Dearborn County. Classes must complete the mural together.
- The murals can be done on a sidewalk or parking lot.
- Entries must be original student work and may not contain copyrighted images or otherwise violate copyright laws.
- To enter, teachers must submit two photos: one photo of the students working on the mural, and one photo of the finished mural. Additional photos may also be submitted.
- Teachers who enter agree to allow the DCRC to post artwork on the DCRC social media accounts and the DCRC website.
- Entries will be judged by a panel of employees and Citizens Advisory Committee members at the DCRC based on originality, artwork, message delivery, and relevance to the theme.
- Accepted photo formats: Photos must be sent as a JPG, PDF, or PNG file.
- The judges' decisions are final. The winning classrooms will be identified within each grade category below. The winning classes will be announced on Monday, May 4, 2026. Prizes will be distributed to the classes after Wednesday, May 6, 2026.

All entries are due by  
3:00 pm April 22, 2026.



	Grades K-2	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
<b>Prizes</b>	Hand-shaped chair for the classroom	Hand-shaped chair for the classroom	Pizza party for the class	Pizza party for the class

For questions or to submit entries contact [educator@dearborncounty.in.gov](mailto:educator@dearborncounty.in.gov)

Please include the following information:

At least one photo of students working on the mural, at least one photo of the final mural, the teacher's name, school, grade level, and the number of students in the class.

