



Alabama Center
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TO: Birmingham K–5th Grade Teachers
FROM: Alabama Center for Architecture dreamArchitecture Committee
SUBJECT: 2021–2022 dreamArchitecture Contest: *Draw Your Dream HOSPITAL!*

The Alabama Center for Architecture (ACFA), the nonprofit arm of the American Institute of Architects Birmingham Chapter, is hosting the 26th annual dreamArchitecture Contest, a community outreach program promoting public awareness of architecture! The contest will be held Spring 2022 and all Birmingham Area students in K–5th grades can participate.

How to join in the fun:

1. **Think about the theme! Our theme, Draw Your Dream *HOSPITAL***, will let children explore possibilities of what it would be like to design their very own hospital: Would your patients be kids, animals, or broken toys? Would you treat your patients with ice cream, candy, or music? Would patients move through the hospital in wagons like at Children’s Hospital or on giant slides? Would patients see a beautiful landscape or a big city outside their window? What does your hospital cafeteria look like and what sort of food would they serve? Would there be a helicopter landing pad on the top of your hospital? How do you get there? What do the therapy areas look like in your hospital? Trampoline exercise, pools, and swimming? The possibilities are endless!
2. **Come to the Teacher Workshop!** To assist you in bringing our theme to your classroom, we are hosting a **FREE** Teacher Workshop on **Saturday, January 29, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the ACFA** (see address above). This workshop is eligible for **three Professional Development Hours (PDHs)**. See the enclosed Teacher Workshop sheet, and RSVP to anna@karmamanagementinc.com.
3. **Draw!** The enclosed entry form must be copied, completed, & attached to the back of each ***8.5x11” OR 11x17”*** **entry**. We also **require** each child to write a **one** or **two** sentence **“Dream Statement”** on the back of their drawing explaining their thoughts about their drawing. Teachers may assist with the documentation of the “Dream Statement” if needed, but the statement should be in the student’s own words. **Artwork without completed entry forms or dream statements will not qualify. Please make sure students’ names are labeled on the artwork correctly.**

Artwork Delivery: Teachers, please deliver all artwork entries via courier or in person to the ACFA (see address above) by **April 6, 2022**.

4. **Get your awards!** The Awards Ceremony will be held **Thursday, May 5, 2022, at the Bradley Lecture Center (Children's Harbor, 1600 6th Ave S Building 4th Floor, Birmingham, AL 35233)**. First, second, third and honorable mention prizes will be awarded to all age groups from K–5th grades. Winners will take home art supplies and architectural gifts.

Details are subject to change due to COVID-19, visit our website below for all current information.

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