

EASTERN KANSAS SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

Hangable Artwork Drop-Off Standards

All hangable artwork dropped off at Mark Arts for an exhibit must be ready to hang, fully prepared with the necessary hanging mechanism(s) and accompanied by a complete Delivery Form.

Framed hangable artwork or art on boards must have one of the following types of hanging hardware installed prior to drop-off:

1. HANGING WIRE

- **Picture Hanging Wire:** This is the most common and versatile option. Use high-quality, heavy-duty picture hanging wire for medium to heavy artworks. It's often made of stainless steel or a braided wire.
- **Strength:** The wire should be rated for the weight of the artwork (often listed in pounds or kilograms).
- **Installation:** The wire should be attached to D-rings on the back of the frame (usually placed about one-third down from the top) to distribute the weight evenly.

2. SAWTOOTH HANGERS

- **Sawtooth Hangers:** These small metal pieces have teeth that grip the wall hook and are often used for lighter artworks. They can be installed at the top of the frame or near the center for even weight distribution.
- **Best For:** Light to medium-weight pieces, like small paintings or photographs.

If a hangable artwork is matted or mounted on materials like poster board or in a matting frame, a cardboard tab(s) can be installed on the back. You can create your own cardboard tab(s) out of scrap matboard. You can adhere the tab to the back with hot glue, secured additionally with masking tape.

There are various ways to ensure hangable artwork is gallery-ready and will withstand the length of the exhibit, but whatever method is used must be appropriate for the size and weight of the piece. For guidance on hanging methods, you can contact Mark Arts' Community Partnership Coordinator, Caitlyn Ellis, at (316) 932-1798 or via email at scholastics@markartsks.com.

PROHIBITED HANGING MATERIALS

- Pop Tabs
- String with Hot Glue
- Mounting Putty
- Binder Clips
- Clothespins
- French Cleats
- Plastic Hanging Tabs

If any of these prohibited materials are used, you may be asked to pick up the artwork(s) and install an acceptable form of hanging method such as a hanging wire or sawtooth hanger.