



## **Browning Rising Voices**

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Rising Voices Poetry Club is an extraordinary program at Browning High School, Montana, where students write and perform original spoken word. Students are encouraged to find their own voices in this innovative program, led by Browning librarian and poetry club advisor Amy Conrey Andreas.

Visiting artist Tahj Kjelland of MAPS Media Institute and Express 2 Speak met with students to explore the art of self expression, writing, and performance. MAPS Media Institute worked with these amazing students to tell their own story on film as well. Students filmed their writing process and performances, and directed "vignettes" to accompany their spoken word. The culmination is this short film, "Rising Voices". It shows that Browning High School is home to some of the most creative and talented youth that Montana has to offer. As student Hailie Hendersen wrote, "The Seventh Generation is here, and coming on strong".

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FzlnpMFv6iM>