

IGSMA District VII
Solo and Ensemble Contest
February 24, 2024

Letter for Students and Parents

Dear Students and Parents,

On behalf of Illinois Grade School Music Association, District VII, we invite you to participate in the Solo & Ensemble Contest to be held February 24, 2024. Solos and ensembles are scheduled approximately every six (6) minutes. You will be scheduled to perform at a given time on that day. It is important that you check your calendars now for any **important** conflicts. You will perform a solo, ensemble, or combination of both in front of an adjudicator. The adjudicator will score your performance and give helpful advice to further improve and enhance your musical ability. After you perform, you will receive a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place rating depending on your own individual performance. You are not in competition with anyone but yourself, so perform your best!

For any violation of the rules and regulations mentioned below, the adjudicator shall lower the rating of any individual or group one level:

- All solo performances must be accompanied by piano unless the accompaniment is listed as optional on the score. (In ensemble performances, piano accompaniment is optional)
- Students must provide the adjudicator with an **original** condensed or full score for solos and ensembles. **Measures must be numbered.**
- Soloists and instrumental ensembles may read from the score.
- **Vocal solos and ensembles must be memorized.**
- Ensemble and Soloist must perform a minimum of 28 measures of music from one composition, excluding any form of repeats.
- Students may not wear uniform jackets, medals, or any other school identifying logo when performing a solo or ensemble.
- The performance time of a composition must not exceed 6 minutes.
- Percussion soloists should request a rudiment sheet from their director.

Please check your calendar now for any **important** conflicts on Contest Day. Once we have you scheduled for your performance, it will be difficult to change. Keep in mind, if you are participating in an ensemble, all members will need to be aware of any special time requests.

ANY CHANGES THAT MAY OCCUR AFTER YOU HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED A TIME WILL NEED TO BE PROCESSED THROUGH YOUR MUSIC DIRECTOR AND THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT NO CHANGE WILL BE POSSIBLE. Thank you for your cooperation and good luck!

Sincerely,
Jen Traub
Contest Scheduler

Contest Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024

Location: Haven Middle School, Evanston