

West TN School Band and Orchestra Association

Solo & Ensemble Festival

Saturday, February 21, 2015

Location:

Arlington High School

5475 Airline Road

Arlington, TN 38002

The West TN School Band and Orchestra Association (WTSBOA) Solo & Ensemble Festival is a regional instrumental music event of about 2500 participating students. The WTSBOA Solo & Ensemble Festival is not a competition. The Festival is designed for students to experience individual achievement by performing a solo or in a small ensemble (duet, trio, quartet) and receive feedback in the form of written judge's comments and a rating. The rating rubric is based on our NAFME Standards, which we use daily in class. The students will receive the following assessments and medals (if earned) in class the week following the event. ***This is a required event for all students.***

The ratings are as follows:

I = Superior (Blue Medal) II = Excellent (Red Medal)

III = Good IV = Fair V = Poor

The judge will know the experience level of each student. For example: Sixth Grade Band students will be expected to perform like a "well-prepared" Beginning Band student. This is not an all day event. Barret's Chapel Students will be assigned a time block for our solos & ensembles to be performed. I will send this information home at least a week prior to the festival. Parents provide transportation for this event.

Here are some guidelines:

*You will need to have a portable CD player for your solos. Sharing a CD player is fine. Bring your CD & CD player to the festival that day.

*Take your instrument, music (everything you need to perform) home with you Friday, February 20!

*Percussion students are responsible for taking all mallets, sticks, snare drum, (what ever you need to perform) to this event.

*Parents may not accompany students inside the judge's room.

* Appearance is part of your score. Students will wear the black polo-style Band shirt tucked in solid black pants, black socks and black shoes. This is the same uniform for our concerts.

*You MUST HAVE A COPY OF YOUR MUSIC FOR THE JUDGE. Copiers will not be available on site that day. Each measure of the student's music (and the judge's) music MUST BE NUMBERED.

*Arrive a minimum of 25 minutes prior to your performance time. I recommend warming up at home or in the car and leave instrument cases in the car.

*No playing inside the building except in the judge's room or the warm-up room(s).

* When entering Arlington High School, signs will guide you to the judges' rooms. Each room and hallway will be labeled with Judges' numbers.

*After locating the judge's room, sign in with the monitor outside of the room. Tell the monitor your name and assigned time.

*Once inside the judge's room, tell the judge your name as you are handing her/him your music. You may play a long tone (and tune for ensembles) before beginning. You may sit or stand to perform (exception percussion)

*After playing, wait for the judge to give you brief comments or suggestions. Answer politely if asked a question. The judge will indicate when you are to exit the room. You may leave immediately after performing.

***You may perform with music. Memorization is not required or expected.**

Performing well with good stage presence is what counts.

*I am serving as the 2014-15 WTSBOA Solo & Ensemble Event Chair and will be at the festival all day.

