

## SOLO & ENSEMBLE GUIDE

### What is it? DISTRICT FBA SOLO & ENSEMBLE MUSIC PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

**Event Date:** Friday, April 5th, 2024 **Event Location:** Baptist College in Graceville

1. This is not a competition. It is an individual or small group evaluation. This a required performance for all Advanced Band members, unless specifically excused by Mrs. Walsingham.
2. Students who play a “solo” play with a piano player accompanying them. Students who play in a small group like a brass quintet, woodwind trio, or duet of like instruments are referred to as an “ensemble”.

### Judging and Assessment

1. Whether they are playing in an “ensemble” or a “solo”, their performance will be judged by a certified music adjudicator.
2. Their job is to give each student or group a rating: 1=*superior*, 2=*excellent*, 3=*good*, 4=*fair*, 5=*poor*. If the student or group receives a superior rating, they will obtain a medal at the end of the school year for their achievement.

### Music

1. Students must select music from a predefined list of pieces for their solo instrument or ensemble group. This “solo & ensemble” list is created by the Florida Bandmasters Association.
2. A selection of these pieces are available in the Band room. Students must have their private teacher or their band director assist with music selection from the FBA list.
3. An original copy (*not photocopy*) of the selected piece is required for the music judge at the event. Students normally perform from a photocopy. Students should number the measures of their original before copying it for themselves and before giving it to the judge on the day of the event.

### Fees

1. The assessment fee for this event is \$6 per student entry, which is due by March 25th.
2. If a student uses an assigned pianist, the pianist usually has around a \$30 fee (*see under “Piano Accompanist”*), also due by March 25th.
3. Checks should be made out to: Jinks Middle School. Cash is also accepted. Fees for students unable to pay will be paid out of fundraising money.

### Transportation

1. A bus will be provided from Jinks to the site and back to Jinks, exact details will be provided as soon as the schedule is published (see Scheduling).
2. All students will ride to the site on the bus. Parents may elect to check their students out after they have performed, if they wish, and drive them home. Students who are not checked out will return to Jinks on the bus.

### Eligibility

1. Advanced Band students are required to participate, unless specifically excused by Mrs. Walsingham.
2. Students must submit the Solo & Ensemble Permission Contract to their director by January 20th.
3. Students must practice hard and work with their band teacher or an outside professional instructor regularly on the music. Students without a private lesson instructor **MUST** play for their band teacher a minimum of 3 times prior to the event.

### Scheduling

1. Students will be assigned an exact time for their performance. This schedule normally is published 7-10 days prior to the event.
2. All students will ride the bus to the site to ensure that everyone is there on time.
3. If there is a preference of what time of day they perform, that request must be submitted to their director on the contract form. The request does not guarantee that the request will be met.

### Piano Accompanist

1. All students that perform a solo that includes a piano part **MUST** use an accompanist. Students will be assigned a pianist by their director. These pianists usually charge a small fee around \$30 for two rehearsals and the performance. If you have your own piano player that you want to use, please let Mrs. Walsingham know as soon as possible.