



2017 District 5 Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation **Saturday, April 29th, 2017** **Milton High School**

Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation is an evaluation procedure for individual students and small ensembles. Students earn numerical ratings and receive written comments from a certified judge. This is valuable learning opportunity as well as a lot of fun to prepare!

Performing chamber music is the fastest way to improve your musical skills. When you play with only one person on a part, you have no one to depend on but yourself. Each member of a small ensemble is crucial to the performance of the group.

You should form groups of no more than four people. Any combination of instruments/orchestra levels/grade levels is possible. Students who take private lessons may choose to play a solo, but solos must be performed with piano accompaniment (the accompaniment can be live, on CD, or from SmartMusic) unless it is solo Bach. You may play in more than one group if you'd like.

I will help each group that signs up choose appropriate music and prepare the performance. At the event on April 29th, a judge will rate your performance and make comments and suggestions for improvement. You will be recognized with a certificate for your participation at the Orchestra Spring Awards Ceremony.

Milton High School will host GMEA District 5 Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation this year. This is a convenient location for Northwestern Middle School students!

This event requires extra practice with your group outside of school. Limited orchestra class time will be used for preparation. If you commit to play with a group, you must follow through by coming to all scheduled practices and making sure you have a ride to the event. On April 29th, groups without all of the members receive a lowered rating or are disqualified. Students who prepare adequately will find this a rewarding learning experience.

Your exact performance times will be assigned a few days before the event. They are generally in the morning or early afternoon. The event will take each group about 30 minutes. You should not have any conflicts during the entire morning and early afternoon of April 29th in order to participate in the event.

Students should wear their orchestra uniform for this performance.

The cost for this event is \$12.00 for a solo and \$12.00 for an ensemble. One parent from each group should make payment online and the others can reimburse their portion of the fee. Payments are non-refundable so please be sure to communicate with the other parents before paying online. The website is [OSP Online Payments](#). Your payment is due by Friday, February 3rd at 4:05 pm.

Please contact me at any time with questions.

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