



2018 District 5 Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation

Saturday, April 28th, 2018

Milton High School

Solo and Ensemble Performance Evaluation is an adjudicated event for students to learn chamber music or a solo and 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.

This year I am only allowing duets. There is limited quality trio repertoire, and larger groups have a hard time getting together to practice. Any two 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 pair of students that signs up choose appropriate music and prepare the performance. At the event on April 28th, a judge will rate the performance and make comments and suggestions for improvement. Participants will be recognized with a certificate and a pin at the Orchestra Spring Concert and Awards Ceremony, and some groups will be selected to perform on the concert.

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 partner outside of school. Limited orchestra class time will be used for preparation. If you commit to play with a partner, you must follow through by coming to all scheduled practices and making sure you have a ride to the event. Students who prepare adequately will find this a rewarding learning experience.

Exact performance times will be assigned a few days before the event. They are generally in the morning through around noon. The event will take each group about 30 minutes. You should not have any conflicts during the entire morning and early afternoon of April 28th in order to participate in the event.

Students should wear their orchestra uniform for this performance. Parents/family are welcome to come in to the performance room as long as there is space and the judge allows. We will meet downstairs in the fine arts area.

The cost for this event is \$12.00 for a solo and \$6.00 for each person in a duet. If you perform in multiple groups, you must pay \$6 for each group. The website is [OSP Online Payments](#). Your payment is due by Friday, February 2nd at 4:05 pm. There is no permission slip- when you make payment, you're signed up!

Please contact me at any time with questions.

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