

**State Solo/Small Ensemble Music Festival
Independence High School
Saturday, March 23, 2019**

Bus Information (the bus you are assigned to is posted in the band room)

5:20am - Load Buses - anyone performing before 10:00am must ride these buses

7:20am - Load Buses - anyone performing after 10:00am must ride these buses

Bus times returning to Decorah are approximate

2:00pm - 2 buses leave for Decorah

5:30pm - Last buses leave for Decorah

Please do NOT wait for the last bus, this could cause major problems with not having enough room to take everyone home. Please plan on taking the bus that is right after your last event.

YOU MAY NOT DRIVE YOURSELF TO THE FESTIVAL. IF YOU ARE RIDING WITH A PARENT HOME, I MUST HAVE A NOTE STATING THIS AND INITIALED BY MR. RILEY OR MRS. SHEPPARD. THEN PLEASE GIVE THIS INITIALED NOTE TO MR. BLIVEN.

Performance attire:

Men: suit with tie or dress pants, dress shirt, tie, polo or sweater, and dress shoes (marching shoes are great if you don't have any dress shoes)

Women: Dress, skirt or pants-shirt-sweater, dress shoes (no flip-flops, Toms, etc.)

Remember to look Professional

What to bring:

INSTRUMENT, music, a music stand if you wish to rehearse in the homeroom, and **\$\$\$** to buy food from the concession stand for lunch or snacks. Please remember you are not to leave Independence High School to go get food somewhere else.

What to do when you arrive:

Become familiar with the school by finding our homeroom area (gym) and then go find your warm-up room and center. Also, please plan to attend other Decorah student performances and help support them because they are going to help support you.

All Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion Choirs will perform in the Auditorium, Center L. So if the Clarinet Choir is assigned to perform at 12:50pm in Center 6. Center 6 is now the auditorium, Center L, not the smaller classroom. All other performances other than "Band" Choirs will perform in the smaller classrooms.

Before your performance:

- Make sure you warm-up before your performance. (please remember to not over warm-up, this is also a festival where students like to over play before their performance and then have no chops left for the actual performance)
- Find our table in the cafeteria and get your music and ballot. Remember some of you need to pick up both originals before you perform. Then head to your performance

center at least **2 time slots** before you perform. Please check with Mr. Bliven, Mr. Cody or Mrs. Hahn before you enter the performance center to make sure you have all the correct copies.

- Walk into the performance and **SMILE :-)** and give your judge's copy and ballot to the room helper to give to the judge. You may tune with the piano if you wish but also make sure have tuned before you enter the room.
- When you are ready to perform - BREATHE, SMILE AGAIN, BREATHE, and introduce yourself and your event. "Hello my(our) name (group) is _____, I (we) will be performing _____ by _____." and then the most important thing of all..... RELAX AND BREATHE and have an AMAZING performance!!!
- When you are finished please wait outside the room to get the judge's copy back and return all of the music back to our table in the cafeteria. Someone else may need those copies too.
- and then.....RELAX because you just gave a great performance and now go out and support others performing.

You will have warm-up rooms but you will not have a piano in there to rehearse with the accompanist, so use them if you like. Otherwise warm-up in the homeroom area.

Also, please remember after you have performed to thank your accompanist for performing with you. *A thank you note after the performance is always very nice.*

Ratings will be posted in the CAFETERIA (STUDENT CENTER).

Remember to warm-up in the warm-up room or the homeroom. Please make sure all other areas are quiet areas. Please limit your talking and socializing to the gym and cafeteria areas. Please be very quiet in the hallways and be respectful of other performers and directors. Also, no playing in the hallways or stairways.

Please remember to enter the performance centers only in-between performances. Clapping is allowed after the entire performance is completed.

We expect that you will:

- pick up your own trash/recycling, and any around you, leaving only a "clean" trail behind
- keep your language and behaviors appropriate
- represent your family, community, and the school well
- treat the volunteers kindly, and cooperate with them
- engage in "good sportsmanship" by supporting all participants. Please take time to support other students by listening to them. Also, please keep your critics of other participants to yourself, meaning please don't publicly broadcast them
- play well and feel great about your performance and the hard work you have put in for these performances.

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE PERFORMING AT THIS CONTEST!!!!