

**FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL GUIDELINES**

INSTRUMENTAL - HIGH SCHOOL

I. ELIGIBILITY

A solo or ensemble participant must be a bona fide member of the band or orchestra of the school he/she represents, if such an organization exists in the school. If an appropriate ensemble exists within the school and the student is not enrolled, that student is not eligible to participate in any all-county events including the Solo and Ensemble Festival. **Note: The student must be academically eligible in order to participate in this festival.**

Only those soloists or ensembles receiving a 1 rating in the County festival on a performance of music of a grade of two or higher are eligible to enter the State Solo and Ensemble Festival at the same or a higher grade level than they entered at the County level.

II. ENTRANCE LIMITATIONS

Schools may send as many soloists and ensembles in any event they desire. **An individual student may enter a total of any three events.**

III. MUSIC REQUIREMENT

Participants will perform for adjudication only a selection chosen from the current MBDA/MODA Graded Solo and Ensemble Selected Music List. The music from this list will determine the grade level entered.

IV. ACCOMPANIST

All solos must be accompanied unless specifically written to be performed unaccompanied. Failure to provide an accompanist will result in a penalty of one full rating lower.

All music teachers will be supplied with a list of available accompanists in the local area. Teachers and students are advised to be aware of the prevailing payment rates for accompanists; in hiring an accompanist, be certain to agree to payment terms as well as the number/date/location of rehearsals prior to the festival. Individual students are responsible for the costs incurred in hiring an accompanist for this festival.

Any application submitted without the name of the accompanist (if required) will be returned to the student(s). It is virtually impossible to schedule individual or ensemble performances without the accompanist's information.

Please note: There will be no practice rooms with pianos available on the day of the festival.

V. MUSIC FOR ADJUDICATORS

A complete, measure-numbered score for each ensemble or solo must be provided for the adjudicator; **THIS MEANS THAT EVERY MEASURE MUST BE NUMBERED SEQUENTIALLY.** Failure to provide this music will result in a penalty of one full rating lower. Xerox copies are not permitted unless accompanied by a letter from the publisher indicating (1) that the music is out-of-print, or (2) that the music has been ordered but will not arrive in time for the festival. Failure to provide such written documentation will result in the solo performer or ensemble receiving comments only (NO rating).

VI. DIRECTING AN ENSEMBLE

NO ONE MAY CONDUCT AN ENSEMBLE. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the ensemble being eliminated from the festival.

VII. PERFORMANCE

Teachers and spectators are not permitted in the performance room during a student performance. The Festival staff reserves the right to enter, or remain in, any performance room as necessary. As far as possible, there will be areas within the festival site where parents/others may wait for students.

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VIII. OBTAINING SCORES

Individual and ensemble scores may be obtained at the scores desk approximately 30-45 minutes after the performance. Scores will be accompanied by the appropriate information materials and application forms for students or ensembles whose scores in the county festival make them eligible to participate in the State solo and ensemble festival.

IX. PARTICIPATION FEES

Individual student performers will be assessed a participation fee of \$5.00 per entry. Ensemble entries are \$10.00 per entry, not per student. Participation fees must accompany each individual and ensemble application form; application forms received without appropriate fees will be returned.

X. REQUIREMENTS FOR SCALE PERFORMANCE FOR INSTRUMENTAL SOLOISTS

Participants in all solo instrumental events, except snare drum and timpani, must perform certain scales in addition to their prepared solo. All entrants will be asked to perform the chromatic scale and one major scale appropriate for their instrument and grade level of solo performance. Scales will be selected from the following major keys: C, F, G, D, A, E, Bb, Eb, Ab. Scales are to be played evenly and smoothly in a 16th note pattern at a metronome speed of a quarter note = 72. All scales are to be played ascending and descending one octave except on the flute and soprano clarinet. Students playing these instruments must perform the scales for two octaves.

XI. EMERGENCY SUBSTITUTIONS

Emergency substitutions of student participants in an ensemble may be done at the discretion of the music teacher/director. If a substitution is to be made, the music teacher/director is responsible for making the necessary changes at the registration desk on the day of the festival prior to the group's performance; failure to do so with result in the ensemble receiving comments only (NO rating). **Only those students who actually participate in the performance at this festival are eligible to attend the state event if the group's score qualifies them to advance to the state festival.**

XII. OTHER ISSUE OR CONCERNS

If an issue or concern not covered in this list of information arises with regard to the county solo and ensemble festival, the music teacher/director should immediately contact the Festival Organizer at the VPA Office for clarification or direction. In general, the county festival is governed by state festival rules and practices; in cases where an issue is not covered by those guidelines, a local decision will be made after appropriate research or investigation has occurred.

ALL APPLICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL MUST BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR MUSIC TEACHER NOT LATER THAN 01/07/10. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED.

**FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HIGH SCHOOL SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**Instrumental Application - SOLO
(STRINGS & BRASS)**

Tuesday, February 9, 2010 – Snow date – Tuesday, February 23

This form and \$5.00 fee must be received by your HS music teacher no later than 3:00 PM, 1/07/2010. If you are planning to participate in more than one solo performance, you must submit a separate completed form and fee for each performance.

Forms received after the published deadline will be returned and the student will be ineligible to participate. Forms submitted without full information regarding accompanist and selection and/or without proper fee attached will also be returned. The student will then be given a deadline to provide the missing information to the VPA Office. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the student being ineligible to participate.

Directors: Duplicate this form. Supervise completion. Collect and check for accuracy and legibility. Package flat along with appropriate fees in a 9 x12 envelope and forward.

STUDENTS: DO NOT FOLD THIS FORM. PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION. RETURN THIS FORM WITH FEE ATTACHED TO YOUR DIRECTOR. ONLY DO NOT RETURN FORMS DIRECTLY TO THE VPA OFFICE.

PLEASE PRINT

Name of soloist _____

School _____ Grade _____

Instrument _____ Home Phone _____

Complete title of selection to be performed _____

Composer _____ Arranger (if applicable) _____

If this selection is from a collection or book, name the source as it appears in the State manual _____ Page or # _____

Listed as grade _____ on page # _____ of the MBDA/MODA Manual.

I will be playing this selection for (Check one): _____ Grade _____ Comments only

Full name of accompanist _____ Phone _____

Please check one of the following:

_____ I will not be performing in any other event.

_____ I will be performing in another event. Indicate which one: _____ solo _____ ensemble

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Director Signature _____

**FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HIGH SCHOOL SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**Instrumental Application - SOLO
(WINDS & PERCUSSION)
Thursday, February 11, 2010 – Snow date – Thursday, February 18**

This form and \$5.00 fee must be received by your HS music teacher no later than 3:00 PM, **1/07/2010**. If you are planning to participate in more than one solo performance, you must submit a separate completed form and fee for each performance.

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Name of soloist _____

School _____ Grade _____

Instrument _____ Home Phone _____

Complete title of selection to be performed _____

Composer _____ Arranger (if applicable) _____

If this selection is from a collection or book, name the source as it appears in the State manual _____ Page or # _____

Listed as grade _____ on page # _____ of the MBDA/MODA Manual.

I will be playing this selection for (Check one): _____ Grade _____ Comments only

Full name of accompanist _____ Phone _____

Please check one of the following:

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_____ I will be performing in another event. Indicate which one: _____ solo _____ ensemble

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Director Signature _____

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**Instrumental Application - ENSEMBLE
(STRINGS & BRASS)**

Tuesday, February 16, 2010 – Snow date – Tuesday, February 23

This form and \$10.00 fee must be received by your HS music teacher no later than 3:00 PM, **1/07/2010**. If you are planning to participate in more than one solo performance, you must submit a separate completed form and fee for each performance.

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PLEASE PRINT

School _____ Phone _____

Type of Ensemble (e.g., Flute duet, String trio, etc.) _____

Complete title of selection to be performed _____

Composer _____ Arranger (if applicable) _____

If this selection is from a collection or book, name the source as it appears in the State manual _____ Page or # _____

Listed as grade _____ on page # _____ of the MBDA/MODA Manual

We will be playing this selection for (Check one): _____ Grade _____ Comments only

Name of accompanist (or none) _____ Phone _____

	Participant Names PLEASE PRINT	Instrument
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____

[Continue on the reverse if necessary.]

Director Signature _____

**FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HIGH SCHOOL SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND Thursday, February 18, 2009 – Snow date Thursday, February 25**

**Instrumental Application ENSEMBLE
(WINDS & PERCUSSION)**

This form and \$10.00 fee must be received by your HS music teacher no later than 3:00 PM, January 16, 2009. If you are planning to participate in more than one solo performance, you must submit a separate completed form and fee for each performance.

Forms received after the published deadline will be returned and the student will be ineligible to participate. Forms submitted without full information regarding accompanist and selection and/or without proper fee attached will also be returned. The student will then be given a deadline to provide the missing information to the VPA Office. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the student being ineligible to participate.

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PLEASE PRINT

School _____ Phone _____

Type of Ensemble (e.g., Flute duet, String trio, etc.) _____

Complete title of selection to be performed _____

Composer _____ Arranger (if applicable) _____

If this selection is from a collection or book, name the source as it appears in the State manual _____ Page or # _____

Listed as grade _____ on page # _____ of the MBDA/MODA Manual

We will be playing this selection for (Check one): _____ Grade _____ Comments only

Name of accompanist (or none) _____ Phone _____

	Participant Names PLEASE PRINT	Instrument
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____

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Director Signature _____