



Instrumental Music Program – Wiley Cruse, Director

Dear Instrumental Music Students and Parents,

This year the Solo and Ensemble Festival will be held on **Saturday April 14, 2018** at Falcon Bluffs Middle School. The Solo and Ensemble Music Festival is a great opportunity for students to showcase their individual talents and be rated by a music educator on the basis of many music fundamentals and concepts. Students who participate gain valuable experience that builds confidence, and eases performance anxieties. This is not recommended for students who do not have extra time to practice or if they are behind in their band class work.

Soloists must be taking private lessons on their instrument.

Soloists are responsible to ask their private teacher to help them find a solo and to work on it with them.

Soloists: The cost is \$10.00 per performance. Soloists are **expected** to have a piano accompanist. Most students compensate the accompanist with some kind of gift or money for their time and effort. Usually three or more rehearsals are necessary before the performance.

Ensembles: The cost is \$10.00, or any group larger than ten students must pay \$1.00 each. Usually no accompanist is necessary. No group may be larger than 16.

Whether solo or ensemble, the music must be chosen way in advance and practiced so that it is refined and ready to be played for a judge. The music must be classical in nature. Students are **not** to play pop, rock, movie, jazz music, their band music or music with a play-a-long CD. Students are also asked to not use CD accompaniment. Piano soloists must memorize their music. Students should begin preparation as soon as possible. Students will play for one judge at the festival, who will rate the student(s) on such factors and tone, technique, phrasing, expression, dynamics, appearance (You should dress and look like a professional!), poise, and selection of music.

Any student who receives a rating of I (Superior) or II (Excellent) will be presented with a medal at our final concert for the year. The vast majority of the music preparation must be done by the student on their own time. I will be glad to listen and offer advice whenever I can, but my time is very limited. Students must arrange to get to and from the performance site on their own.

Please turn in the attached information sheet stapled together with a check for the required fee on or before Tuesday, March 6th. Students may do up to 1 solo and 2 ensembles each. Do not do more than you have time for. Please fill out a separate form for each solo & ensemble. There are no refunds. **Late entries will not be accepted.** Checks are to be made out to: "Jefferson County Public Schools". **(NO CASH PLEASE)**. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank You,

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2018 Jeffco Solo and Ensemble Festival

EHS Information Sheet

Form and Money are due to Mr. C. by **Tuesday, March 6, 2018**
Please make checks payable to: **Jefferson County Public Schools**

Registration Fees

Solos \$10.00
Ensembles \$10.00 + \$1.00 per person

Name(s)	Grade	Instrument

School

Years of School Instruction

Years of Private Instruction

Accompanist

Name of Piece

Composer and Arranger