

**Music: Vocal Performance**  
***General Contest Policies***

1. In the interest of fairness, we ask for strict adherence to competition rules. Deviation from the guidelines is ground for disqualification.
2. Each school will be allowed up to three entries (solo from grades 9-10, solo from grades 11-12, and ensemble duets, trios, or quartets) in the category of Music-Vocal Performance. Suggested genres: art song, aria, musical theater, etc.
3. Students competing in this category must bring two copies of sheet music to campus for the competition, one for our accompanist to play and one for judges. No recorded music is allowed. A cappella trios and quartets are permissible if literature-appropriate (ex: pop a cappella arrangements, musical theater, motets, madrigals, etc.).
4. Entries will be evaluated on the basis of the following:
  - Preparedness
  - Vocal technique
  - Diction
  - Memory
  - Musicianship
  - Ensemble unity and interaction
  - Performance and presentation