



Talented Assessment Requirements for Middle School Music

Performance Assessment

All performers must perform two prepared pieces of music and provide three copies of the sheet music for their chosen selections. If students are not prepared to perform two pieces, they will **NOT** be allowed to perform. Parents are not allowed to stay in the room with their child during the assessment, but must stay on campus until the assessment is complete. Both assessments last about an hour. Every attempt will be made to stay on schedule.

Instrumental

- Students will perform two prepared solos. (Due to time restraints, students may be asked to perform only part of each selection).
- All songs should be age and ability appropriate in range and style.
- Songs learned in band or orchestra are appropriate.
- Piano is provided. All other instruments must be brought to the assessment.

Vocal

- Students will perform two prepared solos, no longer than two minutes per selection. (Due to time restraints, students may be asked to perform only part of each selection).
- All songs should be age and ability appropriate in range, subject matter, and style.
- Songs learned in music class, church choir, or civic group are appropriate.
- You may sing with a recorded accompaniment (karaoke style).
- You may **NOT** sing with a performer on a recording.

On-site Assessment

This part of the assessment is an on-site evaluation for which no home preparation is needed. Students will answer music aptitude questions demonstrating their knowledge of pitch matching and discernment of melodic and rhythmic elements.

For More Information

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