Arlington I.S.D. Fine Arts Honors Classes Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why implement an Advanced Honors Credit grade point scale for Arlington I.S.D. students who participate in Fine Arts?

- To give students an opportunity for a more rigorous curriculum in the Fine Arts program for college readiness.
- To provide advanced credit for the higher level of Fine Arts achievement within a curriculum structure.
- To afford students the opportunity to remain competitive with their GPA corresponding to other advanced honors courses.

2. When would grade points be added to Advanced Honors students?

Grade points for these courses begin with the sophomore class, 15 grade points for level II, 15 for Level III and Level IV. Students will be able to craft four-year plans with this knowledge.

3. How do I know which Level course to take?

10th grade – Level II (15 gpa points) 11^{the}grade – Level III (15 gpa points) and 12th grade – Level IV (15 gpa points)

4. Which Fine Arts courses would offer advanced credit?

Advanced credit is available to all students in grades 10 - 12 in sections of band, choir, orchestra and theatre. Advanced points are given with the completion of Advanced Honors course requirements. Most participants of the advanced fine arts programs will be in the top ensembles (Wind Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, and Select Choir, etc.) but not be limited to those courses. This is a yearlong course.

5. Would regular and advanced credit students take class at the same time? If so, what additional work would be required of the advanced credit students and when would they do it?

Yes, students are enrolled concurrently. Advanced Honors students will be required to successfully complete additional assignments per semester that are not part of the regular course curriculum. These assignments include: Participation in competitive events, research paper, project, performance evaluations, and Solo/Ensemble performances. Much of the advanced credit work is done outside of class.

6. How will advanced student's grades be computed?

Students will successfully complete the additional assigned projects just as they do in other Independent Study classes.

7. How many Fine Arts Honors Classes can a student take per year?

A student is limited to taking <u>one</u> Fine Arts Honors Class per year, regardless if class is taken at the CVPA or on the home campus.

8. Terrific! How do I get the process started?

We are excited that you are interested in the AISD Fine Arts Honors Courses. Please see your Fine Arts instructor to receive the application packet and to get additional information.

Fine Arts Honors Course Application Arlington I.S.D.

Student Last Name:		Student First Name:	
Grade:_	Student ID:	Organization (B/C/O/T):	Level: II III IV
	urse is designed to allow student	s the opportunity to extend their education in an enr liness. Students must demonstrate a higher level of	

independent curriculum for college readiness. Students must demonstrate a higher level of fine arts understanding and be able to perform at the highest possible level both as an individual and as a member of an ensemble. Students will be expected to demonstrate a high level of critical analysis, understanding, technical ability, knowledge of the theoretical and historical foundations of works and present information in a well-written academic manner.

Student Expectations

This course is designed for students with elevated performance, communication and/or cognitive skills. Due to the independent nature of this course, students who elect to pursue honors credit should be self-motivated and responsible. All assignments will be completed independently with the time-line provided by the instructor.

Admissions Criteria

In order to enroll in any advanced honors course a student must:

- Be enrolled in a Fine Arts performing class (band/choir/orchestra/theatre); simultaneously in a year-long course;
- Be recommended by and audition for their teacher;
- Have a proven history of performance beyond the classroom (i.e. Solo & Ensemble, All- Region, monologue, etc.)

I would like to enroll in the advanced honors program in Arlington ISD. I understand this course will not only include regularly scheduled activities but will also include additional assignments as specified in the honors course requirements. I am aware of the due dates for each assignment and I am aware that my grade will reflect not only the content and completion of the assignments but also the timely manner in which they are presented. Furthermore, I understand that failure to complete advanced honors course requirements could result in failure of the course. This is a yearlong course.

Student Signature:	Date
Parent Signature:	Date
Director Approval:	Date

Arlington I.S.D. Fine Arts Honors Courses Grades 10 - 12

1. Honors Music

a) Course Description

This course is designed to allow students the opportunity to extend their musical education in an enriched, independent curriculum for college readiness. Students must demonstrate a higher level of musical understanding and be able to perform at the highest possible level both as an individual and as a member of an ensemble. Students are expected to demonstrate a high level of critical listening, musical understanding, technical ability, knowledge of the theoretical and historical foundations of compositions and present information in a well-written academic manner.

b) Student Expectations

This course is designed for students with elevated performance, communication and cognitive skills. Due to the independent nature of this course, students who elect to pursue advanced credit should be self-motivated and responsible. All assignments will be completed independently with the time-line provided by the instructor.

c) Admissions Criteria

In order to enroll in any advanced music course a student must:

- 1) Be enrolled in a fine arts music performing class (band/orchestra/choir) as a yearlong course;
- 2) Be recommended by and audition for the music director;
- 3) Have a proven history of musical performance beyond the classroom (i.e. Solo & Ensemble, All- Region, UIL ensemble contests, etc.)

d) Solo & Ensemble

Students will perform music at the highest UIL performance level or equivalent advanced performance level. This can be accomplished at either UIL Contest or an equivalent district sponsored contest. An assessment by a music director will also be required. The students will adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1) A minimum of two selections, one each of a solo and ensemble;
- 2) The selections will represent different periods and/or styles of music;
- 3) All solo selections will be performed from memory unless on the non-memory UIL list.
- 4) Students will have piano or appropriate accompaniment on selections for which an accompaniment is written.
- 5) The majority of the performance time during the performance must be on the student's primary instrument (the one you perform on in your ensemble class). The primary instrument is defined as that which is specifically performed on within the prescribed Arlington I.S.D. music curriculum.
- 6) Individual directors may define specific criteria regarding the length of performances.

e) <u>Research Paper/Project</u>

Students will prepare a paper and a project on a musical selection or composer chosen for solo/ensemble, band/orchestra/choir concert selections, or other appropriate musical topics, two total (one per semester). Research should include accurate citations for all references consulted. Topics should be proposed in writing and receive director approval in advance. Topics may approach the music or composer in any of the following ways:

- 1) Stylistic and technical demands of the music;
- 2) Background of the composers;
- 3) Historical, economic, and political background of the period in which the compositions were written and their effect on the music; or
- 4) Other options approved by the student's director₃

f) Participation in Competitive Events

Students will compete in the TMEA All-Region Music competition and the AISD All-City competition, as possible, in the district. Students will also enter and perform in UIL Concert/Sightreading Contest with their performing group(s) (Band, Orchestra, and Choir). Eligibility concerns will need to be handled on an individual basis with their site-based director.

g) ConcertCritique

Students will attend six professional, semi-professional or amateur music performances within one (1) year. Two (2) will be contest evaluations (can be pre-UIL) and four (4) musical performances. Selection of these events must have director's prior approval. A written critique must be submitted to the director following the performance. The critique should include background information about the performing ensemble, repertoire performed by the ensemble, historical and stylistic considerations in the performance as well as your enjoyment of the performance. This rubric must be stapled to the top of the critique. The concert program must also be turned in with the critique. The student's name should be written on the program, but do not staple the program to the critique. First person will not be used when writing the concert critiques. A concert critique cannot be one in which the student was a performer. Live streamed concerts are acceptable.

- Arlington ISD UIL and Pre-UIL Concerts
- Symphony Arlington-www.symphonyarlington.org
- DallasSymphony-www.DallasSymphony.com
- Dallas Opera www.dallasopera.org
- Orchestra of New Spain www.orchestraofnewspain.org
- Fort Worth Symphony www.fwsymphony.org
- Arlington Community Band www.arlingtoncommunityband.org
- Dallas Winds- www.dws.org
- Lone Star Wind Orchestra www.lonestarwindorchestra.com
- Orpheus Chamber Singers www.orpheuschambersingers.org
- Arlington Master Chorale www.arlingtonmasterchorale.com

h) Evaluation

This course is open to all students in grades 10 -12. It is a 15 GPA point course for all levels (II-IV). The student will receive a class grade each six weeks in the Advanced Music Honors Course of comprehensive activities and materials required for the advanced music course.

Time Line for Advanced Music Requirements

Semester I

- Participation in all competitive events/performances
- Performance of Region music to a director
- Research paper/project
- At least 3 of 6 required concert/performance critiques

Semester II

- Participation in all competitive events/performances
- Performance of UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest (or equivalent) music to a director
- Research paper/project
- At least 3 of 6 required concert/performance critiques
- Senior year will need to have grading completed by the 5th sixth weeks to account for class rank.

2. Honors Theatre/Technical Theatre

a) <u>Course Description</u>

Honors Theatre/Technical Theatre (2 semester plan) is open to students in the 10th - 12th grades. Although taught concurrently with the regular theatre courses, students enrolled for honors credit will be expected to cover a wider range of materials and to go into greater depth in all requirements.

b) Student Expectations

This course is designed for students with elevated performance, communication and cognitive skills. Due to the independent nature of this course, students who elect to pursue advanced credit should be self-motivated and responsible. All assignments will be completed independently with the time-line provided by the instructor.

c) Admissions Criteria

In order to enroll in any advanced theatre course a student must:

- 1) Be enrolled in a Theatre class as a yearlong course;
- 2) Complete the application;
- 3) Be recommended by and/or audition for the theatre teacher;
- 4) Students must have been involved in at least two productions either as cast or crew in the previous school year.

d) Class Expectations

- 1) Attend a theatrical production (1/six weeks) outside the school program (professional theatre, community theatre, college theatre or high school theatre), which must be approved, in advance, by the teacher; additionally, the student will turn in a written critique evaluating each performance.
- 2) Once every six weeks, the student must submit a notebook for the teacher to review. Items included in the notebook will be at the discretion of the campus instructor(s).
- 3) The student must prepare two monologues of one to two minutes each for each semester. Both must be suitable to use as audition pieces for community/professional theatre or for entrance into a college or conservatory theatre program. Technical Theatre students will have other options at the discretion of the instructors to accomplish this task. This could include a portfolio or other design element, etc.
- 4) The student must be involved in two main stage productions presented at his/her school, either as a cast or crewmember.
- 5) The student will read two Pulitzer Prize winning scripts or director approved full-length scripts per semester and do a play summary paper for each of the plays.

e) <u>ResearchPaper</u>

Students will prepare an assigned paper and/or project on a topic to be approved by the instructor. Research should include accurate citations for all references consulted. Topics should be proposed in writing and receive director approval in advance. Stylistic and technical demands of the work;

- Background of the artists or designers;
- Historical, economic, and political background of the period in which the works were written and their effect on the play; or
- Other options approved by the student's director.

Possible Advanced Theatre Papers/Reports (Examples)

- Do a comparison/contrast of the various acting theories of Adler, Meisner, Strasberg, or Stanislavski
- Compare the themes of Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* with Tennessee William' *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*
- Research the history of The Group Theatre and the group's influence on modern theatre.
- Report on a famous playwright in history and discuss his/her influence to modern theatre.
- Report about famous designers and/or dramaturge.
- Other options approved by the student's director.

Possible Advanced Technical Theatre Papers/Reports (Examples)

- Research a particular theatre crew position (Stage Manager, Costumer, and Light Designer. Set Designer, among others) and discuss duties and requirements of the position, educational and experience requirements needed to work in the position, famous people in researched positions, and other related aspects of the position.
- Build/Construct a scale model of a set for a play to be determined by the student and director.
- Do a light plot and design the lighting for a play to be determined by the student and director.
- Discuss the history of Lighting or Sound Design and how modern technology has enhanced theatre in the 21st century.
- Design a costume plot for a play to be determined by the student and director.
- Other options approved by the student's director.
- f) Evaluation

This course is open to all students in grades 10 -12. It is a 15 GPA points course for all levels (II-IV). The student will receive a class grade each six weeks in the Theatre Honors Courses of comprehensive activities and materials.

<u>Time Line for Advanced Theatre Arts Requirements</u>

Year-Long Expectations

- Participation in two after school theatre productions either as cast or crew.
- Research paper/project
- Two play summaries per semester
- Attend a play outside of school productions (professional theatre, community theatre, college theatre or high school theatre) and do a play evaluation for each six-week period
- Two monologues/semester
- Senior year will need to have grading completed by the 5th sixth weeks to account for class rank

Time Line for Advanced Technical Theatre Requirements

Year-Long Expectations

- Participation as a crew head or on crew for two after school theatre productions.
- Research paper/project
- Two play summaries per semester
- Attend a play outside of school productions (professional theatre, community theatre, college theatre or high school theatre) and do a play evaluation for each six-week period.
- Design portfolio
- Senior year will need to have grading completed by the 5th sixth weeks to account for class rank

Advanced Fine Arts Research Paper Assignment and Rubric

Student Name:_____

Points:

Organization: _____ Level (II, III or IV): _____

Assignment:

Research Paper: Students will prepare a paper and a project on a selection determined by your instructor. Research should include accurate citations for all references consulted. Topics should be proposed in writing and receive director approval in advance. Topics may approach the music, composer, comparison/contrast of the various acting theories the following ways:

- Stylistic and technical demands of the work;
- Background of the artist;
- Historical, economic, and political background of the period in which the works were written and their effect on the work; or
- Other options approved by the student's director. •
- The following rubric will be used as a guide for a pass or fail grade.

RUBRIC:

Points possible		Category			
Format	10 points possible	Minimum 5 pages, typed, title page, spacing = 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, font size = 12, standard default margins = top/bottom – 1" sides – 1.25".			
Sources	15 points possible	Must have at least 3 sources. Use only one "computer" source. Use only one encyclopedia source.			
Content	60 points possible	 51 - 60 Well-developed, detailed, well-written response to task; well-organized, clearly written, no errors, goes beyond the requirements of the task. 38 - 50 Developed, contains necessary elements; unevenly developed, few details, brief, contains some errors. 25 - 37 Undeveloped, somewhat confusing or disjointed, incomplete or not clearly presented, many errors. 0 - 24 Attempt to respond to some aspect of the topic, but no evidence of full understanding of the task. Does not successfully communicate ideas; presents extraneous information. 			
Works cited pa	age – 15 points possible	MLA format for works cited page. Proper use of citation within the body of the text.			

Advanced Fine Arts Project

Student Topic Submission

Student Name:	Points:		
Organization:	Level (II, III or IV):		
Topic:			

Project:

Students will prepare a project on a fine art topic, two per year (one per semester.) A report will be part of this project. Topics should be proposed in writing and receive director approval in advance. Topics may approach the music, composer, comparison/contrast of the various acting theories the following ways:

- Stylistic and technical demands of the work;
- Background of the artist;
- Historical, economic, and political background of the period in which the works were written and their effect on the work; or
- Other options approved by the student's director.
- The following rubric will be used as a guide for a pass or failgrade.

Points possible	2	Category			
Format	10 points possible	Minimum 5 pages, typed, title page, spacing = 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, font size = 12, standard default margins = top/bottom – 1" sides – 1.25 ".			
Sources	15 points possible	Must have at least 3 sources. Use only one "computer" source. Use only one encyclopedia source.			
Project	60 points possible	 51 – 60 Well-developed, detailed, well-written response to task; well-organized, clearly written, no errors, goes beyond the requirements of the task. 38 – 50 Developed, contains necessary elements; unevenly developed, few details, brief, contains some errors. 25 – 37 Undeveloped, somewhat confusing or disjointed, incomplete or not clearly presented, many errors. 0 – 24 Attempt to respond to some aspect of the topic, but no evidence of full understanding of the task. Does not successfully communicate ideas; presents extraneous information. 			
Works cited pag	e – 15 points possible	MLA format for works cited page. Proper use of citation within the body of the text.			

RUBRIC:

Advanced Music Band/Orchestra - Contest Evaluations

Texas UIL Form 4

4

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

CONCERT

Entry Blank and Comment Sheet

INSTRUCTIONS:Please read the cu	rrent issue of the Constitution & Con	ntest Rules	
School	City	Number of Students	Conference
Organization Event		Performing Group	
Type Re	egion		
Contest Date	Deadline Date	Director	
Additional Directors			
Composer/Arranger	Title of selections and mov	rements	UIL ID#
TONE	I		
+ - Centered, focused tone quality	y		
+ - Balance within sections			
+ - Balance between sections			
+ - Intonation within sections			
+ - Intonation between sections			
+ - Dynamic contrasts without dis	tortion		
TECHNIQUE	1		
+ - Note Accuracy			
+ - Manual dexterity and flexibility	,		
+ - Rhythmic accuracy			
+ - Rhythmic stability			
+ - Appropriate mastery of articula	ation		
+ - Observance of ties, slurs and	articulation markings		
MUSICIANSHIP			
+ - Appropriateness of style			
+ - Sensitivity to phrasing			
+ - Observance of musical markin	ngs		
+ - Appropriateness of dynamic o	ontrasts		
+ - Appropriate observance of ten	npo		
+ - Demonstrates musical unders	tanding		
	-		

http://www.ullforms.com/ullform4blank.asp (1 of 2) [9/10/2010 11:54:04 AM]

Advanced Music Performance Rubric

Name:_____ Total PerformanceScore: _____

Student All Region and Solo/Ensemble Evaluation by Director

Skill Descriptions	Score
TONE QUALITY	
4 – Produces characteristic tone quality with resonance in all ranges and	
volumes, proper use of vibrato.	
3 – Produces characteristic tone quality most of the time, some flaws in	
upper/lower register or with regard to proper use of vibrato.	
2 – Produces characteristic tome quality some of the time, some fundamental	
quality (lack of vibrato), improper use of bow – speed and/or placement)	
lacking.	
1 – Produces uncharacteristic tone quality.	
INTONATION	
4 – Consistently plays in tune with virtually no errors.	
3 – Mostly accurate and secure, but with a few isolated errors.	
2 – Sometimes performs with accurate pitches, but with frequent or repeated	
errors.	
1 – Seldom performs pitch accurately or securely.	
RHYTHM/TEMPO PRODUCTION	
4 – Secure pulse and rhythmically accurate.	
3 – Mostly accurate rhythm and a steady pulse with few duration errors. 2	
– Sometimes performs durations accurately, but with erratic pulse or with	
frequent to repeated durational errors.	
1 – Seldom performs durations accurately or with a steady tempo.	
PHRASING	
A Consistently and consitively uses musical puepeo to indicate phrase	
4 – Consistently and sensitively uses musical nuance to indicate phrase structure.	
3 – Often uses musical nuance to indicate phrase structure.	
2 – Sometimes uses musical nuance to indicate phrase structure.	
1 – Seldom indicates phrasing structure through nuance.	

	ions			Score
EXPRESSION	AND STYLE			
4 – Consister	ntly performs wi	th nuance and s	tyle in response to the s	core and
coaching.				
3 – Often pe	rforms with nua	nce or style indi	cated in the score or sug	gested by
the instructo	or.			
	•		ndicated in the score.	
1 – Seldom e	vidence of musi	cal nuance in m	usical phrases.	
TOTALS				
15 – 17 – Dis	emplary Perform tinguished Perfo	ormer		
15 – 17 – Dis 12 – 14 – Pro		ormer		
15 – 17 – Dis 12 – 14 – Pro 01 – 11 – No	tinguished Perfo	ormer er		TOTAL SCORE:
15 – 17 – Dis 12 – 14 – Pro 01 – 11 – No	tinguished Perfo oficient Performer vice Performer VERSION (Score	er er = Grade)	02 = DNP	TOTAL SCORE:
15 – 17 – Dis 12 – 14 – Pro 01 – 11 – No GRADE CON	tinguished Perfo oficient Performer vice Performer VERSION (Score 14 = Pass	ormer er = Grade) 08 = DNP	-	TOTAL SCORE:
15 – 17 – Dis 12 – 14 – Pro 01 – 11 – No GRADE CON 20 = Pass	tinguished Perfo oficient Performer vice Performer VERSION (Score 14 = Pass 13 = DNP	ormer er = Grade) 08 = DNP 07 = DNP	-	TOTAL SCORE:
15 – 17 – Dis 12 – 14 – Pro 01 – 11 – No GRADE CON 20 = Pass 19 = Pass	tinguished Perfo oficient Performer vice Performer VERSION (Score 14 = Pass 13 = DNP 12 = DNP	ormer er = Grade) 08 = DNP 07 = DNP 06 = DNP	01 = DNP	TOTAL SCORE:
15 – 17 – Dis 12 – 14 – Pro 01 – 11 – No GRADE CON 20 = Pass 19 = Pass 18 = Pass	VERSION (Score 14 = Pass 13 = DNP 12 = DNP 11 = DNP	ormer er = Grade) 08 = DNP 07 = DNP 06 = DNP 05 = DNP	01 = DNP	TOTAL SCORE:

COMMENTS:

ADVANCED MUSIC CHOIR - CONTEST EVALUATION

Texas UIL Form 4

4

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

CONCERT

Entry Blank and Comment Sheet

INSTRUCTIONS: Please read the current issue of the Constitution & Contest Rules					
School	City	Number of Students		Conference	
Organization Event _	F	Performing Group Type		Reg	ion
Contest Date Dea		Date	Director		
Additional Directors					
Composer/Arranger	Title of	sele ctio ns an	d movements		UIL ID#
			_		
			_		
TONE		I			
+ - Centered, focused tone	quality				
+ - Balance within and betw	veen sections				
+ - Intonation within and be	tween sections				
 Dynamic contrasts mair with quality vowels and 	ntained d blend				
+ - Supported vocal tone					
TECHNIQUE					
+ - Pitch and rhythmic prec	ision				
+ - Vocal flexibility and artic	culation				
+ - Attacks and releases of	oserved				
+ - Appropriate diction and	clarity of text				
+ - Observance of ties and	slurs				
MUSICIANSHIP					
+ - Posture and stage pres	ence				
+ - Appropriateness of style	2				
+ - Sensitivity to phrasing					
+ - Dynamic contrasts					
+ - Observance of musical	markings				
+ - Observance of tempo					
 Musical internetation d 	amonstrated	I			

Advanced Music Band/Orchestra - Contest Evaluations

Texas UIL Form 4

4

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

CONCERT

Entry Blank and Comment Sheet					
INSTRUCTIONS:Please read the cu	rrent issue of the Constitution & C	Contest Rules			
School	City	Number of Students	Conference		
Organization Event		Performing Group			
	igion				
Contest Date	Deadline Date	Director			
Additional Directors					
Composer/Arranger	Title of selections and m	ovements	UIL ID#		
TONE	1				
+ - Centered, focused tone quality					
+ - Balance within sections					
+ - Balance between sections					
+ - Intonation within sections					
+ - Intonation between sections					
+ - Dynamic contrasts without dist	ortion				
TECHNIQUE	I				
+ - Note Accuracy					
+ - Manual dexterity and flexibility					
+ - Rhythmic accuracy					
+ - Rhythmic stability					
+ - Appropriate mastery of articula	tion				
+ - Observance of ties, slurs and a	articulation markings				
MUSICIANSHIP					
+ - Appropriateness of style					
+ - Sensitivity to phrasing					
+ - Observance of musical markin	gs				
+ - Appropriateness of dynamic co	ontrasts				
+ - Appropriate observance of tem	ιpo				
+ - Demonstrates musical underst	anding				

http://www.uliforms.com/uliform4blank.asp (1 of 2) [9/10/2010 11:54:04 AM]

ADVANCED MUSIC CHOIR - CONTEST EVALUATION

Texas UIL Form 4

4

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

CONCERT

Entry Blank and Comment Sheet

School	City	Number of Students		Conference		
Organization Event	Pe	rforming Group	Туре	Region		
Contest Date	Deadline	Date	Director			
Additional Directors						
Composer/Arranger	Title of s	elections and m	ovements		UIL ID#	
ONE						
- Centered, focused tone	quality					
- Balance within and betw	veen sections					
- Intonation within and be	tween sections					
 Dynamic contrasts main with quality vowels and 	tained I blend					
- Supported vocal tone						
ECHNIQUE						
- Pitch and rhythmic preci	ision					
- Vocal flexibility and artic	culation					
- Attacks and releases ob	oserved					
- Appropriate diction and	clarity of text					
- Observance of ties and	slurs					
IUSICIANSHIP						
- Posture and stage prese	ence					
- Appropriateness of style	9					
- Sensitivity to phrasing						
- Dynamic contrasts						
- Observance of musical r	markings					
- Observance of tempo						
- Musical interpretation de	amonstrated	1				

Band Concert Competition

Tone (for the classification entered)

Superior (Division I)	Excellent (Division II)	Average (Division III)	Below Average (Div.IV)	Poor (Division V)
 Students perform with mature, characteristicsounds throughout the performance Pitches are centered and focused. Students perform with good balance/blend with only minor lapses that are quickly corrected. There is <u>"near perfect"</u> intonation within and between sections. Dynamic contrast is <u>obvious and effective</u>. Students perform with proper support and little or no distortion. 	 Students exhibit excellent mature, characteristic tone, but there are occasional flaws where students are unable to control and focus the sounds. Good balance and blend within and between sections is demonstrated but there are <u>obvious flaws</u> that do not recover quickly. The ensemble demonstrates an awareness of tuning within and between sections, but there are <u>numerous</u> minor flaws. Dynamic contrasts are not always obvious and/or are performed with a lack of control. 	 Students perform with a fundamental approach to good tone production but performers are <u>often</u> pushed beyond their ability to control tone quality in varying dynamic ranges. Proper breath support is lacking <u>at times</u>. Sounds are <u>at times</u> harsh, thin and/or pinched Balance and blend are present, but <u>lapses</u> consistently occur. Instruments are tuned, but individual and sectional problems<u>consistently</u> occur. 	 Students exhibit an <u>immature</u> approach to characteristic sound throughout most of the performance Performers demonstrate a lack of understanding of balanced musical lines and blend of sounds within the ensemble Performers demonstrate little awareness of tuning tendencies of instruments and uniform intonation within the ensemble. There are an extreme amount of flaws. There is little or no use of dynamic contrast. 	 Students demonstrate poor characteristic tone quality and have little or no control or focus of their sound Performers appear to have no understanding of balancing musical lines and blending sounds within sections or the ensemble Performers demonstrate no understanding of tuning tendencies of instruments or sensitivity to uniform intonation within the ensemble There is little or no evidence of attempts and dynamic contrast
Technique (for the classi	fication entered)			<u> </u>
 Students do not miss notes Manual dexterity and flexibility are <u>near flawless</u> with only <u>minor</u> flaws that recover quickly Precision and clarity are good at <u>all</u> tempos Rhythmic approach is uniform <u>throughout</u> the ensemble Articulation is appropriate and <u>consistent</u> throughout the performance 	 Students do not miss notes Manual dexterity and flexibility are excellent, but there are often lapse that do not recover quickly. Precision and clarity are good but some passages are occasionally not performed together. Articulation is appropriate much of the time, but there are occasions when inconsistencies detract from the overall performance. 	 Students do not miss notes. Manual dexterity and flexibility are good but <u>at times</u> individual skill is lacking causing a consistent loss of clarity and precision. There are <u>inconsistencies</u> in rhythmicapproach. Rapid passages are not performed together <u>much of the</u> <u>time</u>. Attacks and releases are inconsistent throughout much of theperformance. Articulation is used inappropriately at times. 	 Students obviously miss <u>some</u> pitches throughout the performance. Manual dexterity and flexibility are obviously missing resulting in overall lack of clarity and precision. Attacks and releases are not performed together <u>most</u> of the time. Articulation is inappropriate <u>most</u> of the time. 	 There are <u>numerous</u> missed pitches throughout the performance. Performers' manual dexterity and flexibility are pushed<u>beyond</u> their ability to meet the technical demands of the music. Attacks and release are <u>not</u> performedtogether. There is an inadequate approach to <u>total</u> articulation performed in the music.
Musicianship (for the cla		Γ		
 Students perform artistically with the appropriate musical style on <u>all</u> selections Students are very sensitive to musical phrasing, shaping phrases and giving direction to musical lines. Students give <u>obvious</u> attention to musical nuance and dynamic markings. Students perform the music at an <u>appropriate</u> tempo. Performers <u>convey</u> an artistic, energetic, and emotional understanding of the music to the audience. 	 Students perform artistically with the appropriate style with only minorinconsistencies. Students are sensitive to musical line and phrasing, but there are minor flaws that detract from the performance. Students' use of musical nuance and dynamics are effective, but there are minor flaws. Tempo is excellent for the selections performed, but there are minor lapses – rushing, dragging - that detract from the performance. Students convey musical 	 Performers use proper style much of the time <u>but</u> there are <u>noticeable</u> inconsistencies. Performers <u>often</u> rush phrase endings and fail to shape musical phrases. Performers exhibit an awareness of pulse and tempo, but there are <u>lapses</u> and performers are <u>often</u> slow to recover. Performers are <u>inconsistent</u> in achieving dynamic variation and use of musical nuance markings. Performance is somewhat mechanical, lacking emotion and energy. <u>17</u> 	 Performers do not address musical style throughout <u>most</u> of theperformance. Little attention is given to proper shaping of musical lines and phrasing. Tempos slow or inconsistent throughout <u>most</u> of the performance. Little attention is given to musical nuance and dynamic contrast. Students are unable to convey musical understanding due to a lack of one or more fundamental performance skills. 	 There is no attempt to address musical style throughout the performance. No attention appears to have been given to proper shaping of musical line and phrasing. Tempos are inadequate for the music performed. Almost no attention is given to musical nuance and dynamic variation. Students' display of musical understanding is inadequate due to a lack of most all fundamental performance skills.

Orchestra ConcertCompetition

Tone (for the classification entered)

<u> </u>									
Su	perior (Division I)	Excellent (Division II)	Average (Division III)	Below Average (Div.IV)	Poor (Division V)				
•	Students perform with mature, characteristicsounds throughout the performance Pitches are centered and focused. Students perform with good balance/blend with only <u>minor</u> <u>lapses</u> that are quickly corrected. There is <u>"near perfect"</u> intonation within and between sections. Dynamic contrast is <u>obvious</u> <u>and effective</u> . Students perform with proper support and little or no distortion.	 Students exhibit excellent mature, characteristic tone, but there are occasional flaws where students are unable to control and focus the sounds. Good balance and blend within and between sections is demonstrated but there are <u>obvious flaws</u> that do not recover quickly. The ensemble demonstrates an awareness of tuning within and between sections, but there are <u>numerous</u> minor flaws. Dynamic contrasts are not always obvious and/or are performed with a lack of control. 	 Students perform with a fundamental approach to good tone production but performers are <u>often</u> pushed beyond their ability to control tone quality in varying dynamic ranges. Proper breath support is lacking at times. Sounds are <u>at times</u> harsh, thin and/or pinched Balance and blend are present, but <u>lapses</u> consistently occur. Instruments are tuned, but individual and sectional problems <u>consistently</u> occur. 	 Students exhibit an <u>immature</u> approach to characteristic sound throughout most of the performance Performers demonstrate a lack of understanding of balanced musical lines and blend of sounds within the ensemble Performers demonstrate little awareness of tuning tendencies of instruments and uniform intonation within the ensemble. There are an extreme amount of flaws. There is little or no use of dynamic contrast. 	 Students demonstrate poor characteristic tone quality and have little or no control or focus of their sound Performers appear to have no understanding of balancing musical lines and blending sounds within sections or the ensemble Performers demonstrate no understanding of tuning tendencies of instruments or sensitivity to uniform intonation within the ensemble There is little or no evidence of attempts and dynamic contrast 				
Technique (for the classification entered)									
•	Students do not miss notes	Students do not miss notes	• Students do not miss notes.	Students obviously miss <u>some</u>	• There are numerous missed				
•	Manual dexterity and flexibility are <u>near flawless</u> with only <u>minor</u> flaws that recover quickly Precision and clarity are good at <u>all</u> tempos Rhythmic approach is uniform <u>throughout</u> the ensemble Articulation is appropriate and <u>consistent</u> throughout the performance	 Manual dexterity and flexibility are excellent, but there are often lapse that do not recover quickly. Precision and clarity are good but some passages are occasionally not performed together. Articulation is appropriate much of the time, but there are occasions when inconsistencies detract from the overall performance. 	 Manual dexterity and flexibility are good but <u>at times</u> individual skill is lacking causing a consistent loss of clarity and precision. There are <u>inconsistencies</u> in rhythmicapproach. Rapid passages are not performed together <u>much of the time</u>. Attacks and releases are inconsistent throughout much of theperformance. Articulation is used inappropriately at times. 	 bittens ov robot finas <u>some</u> pitches throughout the performance. Manual dexterity and flexibility are obviously missing resulting in overall lack of clarity and precision. Attacks and releases are not performed together <u>most</u> of the time. Articulation is inappropriate <u>most</u> of the time. 	 Pitches throughout the performance. Performers' manual dexterity and flexibility are pushed beyond their ability to meet the technical demands of the music. Attacks and release are <u>not</u> performedtogether. There is an inadequate approach to <u>total</u> articulation performed in the music. 				
M	usicianship (for the cla	assification entered)							
•	Students perform artistically with the appropriate musical	Students perform artistically with the appropriate style with	Performers use proper style much of the time <u>but</u> there are	Performers do not address musical style throughout most	• There is no attempt to address musical style throughout the				
•	style on <u>all</u> selections Students are very sensitive to musical phrasing, shaping phrases and giving direction to musical lines.	 only minor inconsistencies. Students are sensitive to musical line and phrasing, but there are minor flaws that detract from the performance. 	 <u>noticeable</u> inconsistencies. Performers <u>often</u> rush phrase endings and fail to shape musicalphrases. Performers exhibit an 	 of theperformance. Little attention is given to proper shaping of musical lines and phrasing. Tempos slow or inconsistent 	 performance. No attention appears to have been given to proper shaping of musical line and phrasing. Tempos are inadequate for the 				
•	Students give <u>obvious</u> attention to musical nuance and dynamic markings.	Students' use of musical nuance and dynamics are effective, but there are minor	awareness of pulse and tempo, but there are <u>lapses</u> and performers are <u>often</u> slow to	throughout <u>most</u> of the performance.Little attention is given to	 music performed. Almost no attention is given to musical nuance and dynamic 				
•	Students perform the music at an <u>appropriate</u> tempo. Performers <u>convey</u> an artistic, energetic, and emotional understanding of the music to the audience	 flaws. Tempo is excellent for the selections performed, but there are minor lapses – rushing, dragging - that detract from the the there are minor lapses. 	 Performers are <u>inconsistent</u> in achieving dynamic variation and use of musical nuance markings. Performence is somewhat 	 musical nuance and dynamic contrast. Students are unable to convey musical understanding due to a lack of one or more fundamental performance skills. 	 variation. Students' display of musical understanding is inadequate due to a lack of most all fundamental performance skille 				

energetic, and emotional understanding of the music to the audience. •

performance.

and use of musical nuance are minor lapses – rushing, dragging - that detract from the markings. Performance is somewhat mechanical, lacking emotion • Students convey musical understanding most of the time. and energy. 18

skills.

performance skills.

Vocal Concert Competition

TONE: Vocal

Superior (Division I)		Excellent (Division II)		Average (Division III)		Be	Below Average (Div.IV)		Poor (Division V)	
•	Student performers demonstrate <u>highly developed</u> , characteristic tone qualities for their vocal section and musical style t <u>hroughout</u> the performance with <u>minimal lapses</u> . Pitches are centered and focused. Student performers demonstrate an <u>elevated awareness</u> of tuning choral sections and sensitivity to uniform intonation within their section with a few minorflaws. There is <u>"near perfect"</u> intonation within and between sections. Student performers demonstrate a <u>highly developed</u> concept of balanced musical lines and blend of tone within their section to produce a desirable and appropriate sonority of musicperformed.	•	Student performers demonstrate <u>above</u> <u>average</u> , characteristic tone qualities for their vocal section and musical performance, but there are <u>some</u> <u>minor lapses</u> . Choral technique and vocal production are excellent, but there are <u>some flaws where students are unable</u> to control and focus tone. The ensemble demonstrates an awareness of tuning within and between sections, but there are <u>some</u> <u>minor flaws</u> . For the most part, student performers demonstrate an excellent concept of balanced musical lines and blend of tone within their section to produce an appropriate sonority of music. performed, but there are <u>some minor</u> lapses	••••••	Student performers demonstrate <u>average</u> tone qualities for their vocal section and musical style of performance, however, performers lose their <u>ability to control tone</u> quality in varying dynamic ranges. Student performers demonstrate an <u>adequate awareness</u> of tuning choral sections and sensitivity to uniform intonation within their section, but there are <u>several flaws</u> . Sounds are <u>at times</u> harsh, thin and/orpinched. Balance and blend are present, but <u>lapses</u> consistently occur. The ensemble demonstrates <u>intermediate</u> concepts of balanced musical lines and blend of tone to produce an acceptable sonority of the music performed.	•	For this classification, student performersdemonstrate <u>inadequate</u> characteristic tone qualities for their vocal section and musical style of performance, additionally, <u>they lose control often</u> . Student performers demonstrate <u>little awareness</u> of tuning choral sections and sensitivity to uniform intonation within their section. The ensemble demonstrates <u>below</u> <u>average</u> concepts of balance and blend of tone, and <u>does not produce</u> a desirable or appropriate sonority of the music performed. There are an extreme amount of flaws. There is little or no use of dynamic contrast.	•	For this classification, student performersdemonstrate <u>undesirable</u> characteristic tone qualities for their vocal section, musical style of performance, and <u>lose control most</u> of the time. Student performers demonstrate <u>little or no</u> awareness of tuning choral sections and sensitivity to uniform intonation within their section. The ensemble demonstrates <u>improper concepts</u> of balance and blend of tone, and produces an undesirable and inappropriate sonority of the music performed. There is <u>little or no</u> evidence of dynamic contrast.	
TECHNIQUE: Choral										
•	Student performers will sing correctpitches. Choral technique is <u>near flawless</u> within each section with only <u>minimal lapses</u> . Diction and clarity of text are demonstrated at <u>all</u> tempi. Rhythmic approach is uniform <u>throughout</u> the ensemble. Diction is appropriate and <u>consistent</u> throughout the performance according to stylist performancepractices.	•	Student performers will sing correct pitches. Choral technique is excellent within each section, but there are <u>some lapses</u> that do not recover quickly. Rhythmic precision and clarity are excellent however <u>: some passages are not uniform throughout the ensemble.</u> Diction is appropriate most of the time, but there are <u>some</u> <u>inconsistencies</u> that detract from the overallperformance.	• • •	Students performers sing incorrect pitches and do not recover quickly Choral technique is good but <u>at</u> <u>times</u> individual skill is lacking causing a consistent loss of clarity and precision. Rhythmic precision and clarity are not uniform <u>much of the time</u> . Attacks and releases are inconsistent throughout the performance. Diction is used inappropriately <u>at</u> times.	•	Student performers miss <u>some</u> pitches throughout the performance. Choral technique is obviously missing resulting in an <u>overall</u> lack of clarity and precision. Rhythmic precision and clarity are inconsistent <u>most</u> of the time. Attacks and releases are not performed uniformly <u>most</u> of the time. Diction is used inappropriately most of the time.	•	Student performers miss <u>numerous</u> pitches throughout the performance. Choral technique is <u>fundamentally</u> <u>lacking</u> and restricts the ability of the performer to meet the technical demands of the music. Attacks and release are <u>not</u> performed together. There is an <u>inadequate</u> approach to diction performed in the music.	
r	MUSICIANSHIP: Er For this classification the suitability	nsem	ble Performance For this classification, the suitability		For this classification, the	1	For this classification, the	1	For this classification, the music is	
•	of the music is superior. Student performers artistically demonstrate the appropriate musical style on <u>all</u> selections. Clear, meaningful, and expressive shaping of musical passages is often achieved within and between sections of the ensemble with some minor errors. Throughout the majority of the performance, an exceptional use of dynamics provides musically effective and appropriate contrast for the music performed. Control of all aspects of rhythm, tempo, and musical style is	•	of the music is excellent. Student performers demonstrate the appropriate musical style with <u>only</u> <u>minor inconsistencies</u> . For this classification, clear, meaningful and expressive shaping of musical passages is somewhat evident within and between sections of the ensemble, but there <u>are some</u> <u>inconsistencies</u> . <u>At times</u> , an excellent use of dynamics provides musically effective and appropriate contrast for the music performed. The ensemble exhibits <u>above average</u> control of all aspects of rhythm,	•	suitability of the music is <u>adequate</u> . Performers use appropriate style much of the time <u>but</u> there are <u>noticeable</u> inconsistencies. Clear, meaningful, and expressive shaping of musical passages is somewhat evident within and between sections of the ensemble, but it is <u>not consistent</u> . At times, an <u>average</u> use of dynamics provides musically effective and appropriate contrast for musicperformed. The ensemble exhibits <u>adequate</u> control of all aspects of rhythm, tempo, and musical style <u>with some</u>	•	suitability of the music is <u>inadequate</u> . Performers do not address musical style throughout <u>most</u> of the performance. Little evidence of clear, meaningful and expressive shaping of musical passages exists within and between sections of the ensemble. A <u>below average</u> use of dynamics proves musically ineffective and results in little contrast for music performed. The ensemble exhibits little control of all aspects of rhythm, tempo, and musical style. Students are unable to convey	•	unsatisfactory. There is no attempt to address musical style throughoutthe performance. <u>Little or no</u> evidence of clear, meaningful and expressive shaping of musical passages exists within and between sections of the ensemble. An <u>inadequate</u> use of dynamics proves musically <u>ineffective and</u> results in little or no contrast for music performed. The ensemble <u>exhibits little or no control</u> of all aspects of rhythm, tempo, and musical style.	
•	exceptional. Student performers <u>convey</u> an artistic, energetic, and emotional performance to the audience.	•	tempo, and musical style with <u>minor</u> <u>lapses</u> . Student convey musical understanding most of the time.	•	Performance is somewhat mechanical, lacking emotion and energy. 19		musical understanding due to a lack of one or more fundamental performance skills.		understanding is <u>inadequate</u> due to a lack of most fundamental performance skills.	

ADVANCED THEATRE CONTEST EVALUATION

Excellent: Production utilizes the described element or skill consistently during the ma- jority of the performance with great effectiveness.
 Good: Production utilizes the described element or skill well during the majority of the performance but sometimes lacks effectiveness.
 Fair: Production shows some implementation of the described element or skill but ap- plications are inconsistent and often ineffective. Not Applicable: Described element or skill does not apply to this production.

				ACTING (60%)
E	G	F	NA	Characterization
				 Evidence that actors understand character objectives
				 Evidence that actors understand tactics/ conflict
				 Evidence of character growth (dramatic arc)
				 Evidence of engaged listening
				 Commitment to emotional context
				Physicality
				- Control
				 Physicalization of character actions
				 Embodiment of character
				Vocal Dynamics
				- Projection
				- Articulation
				 Vocal Variety
				 Suitability for all characters
				Ensemble
				 Exhibits cohesiveness
				 Demonstrates unity of purpose
				 Clarity of relationships
				Performance Effectiveness
				- Motivation
				- Spontaneity
				 Stylistic consistency
				 Pacing and Tempo for individual scenes
				 Overall believability

Evaluation Key	
E - Excellent G - Good F - Fair NA - Not Applicable	 Excellent: Production utilizes the described element or skill consistently during the majority of the performance with great effectiveness. Good: Production utilizes the described element or skill well during the majority of the performance but sometimes lacks effectiveness. Fair: Production shows some implementation of the described element or skill but applications are inconsistent and often ineffective. Not Applicable: Described element or skill does not apply to this production.

DIRECTING & STAGE MECHANICS (40%)

Е	G	F	NA	Staging and Business
				- Blocking
				 Composition/ Use of space
				 Suitability of focus
				Story Elements
				 Effective communication of dramatic arc/ journey
				 Addressed appropriate plot elements
				 Variety of Mood
				 Clarity in development of moments
				Theme/ Style
				 Communication and clarity of theme(s)
				 Suitability and clarity of style
				 Overall consistency and execution of directorial choices
				Within the limitation of contest rules and what is available at the contest site …
				 Groundplan, Set and Properties
				 Costume and Make-up
				– Lighting
				– Music
				 Consistency with conceptual choices
				 Overall Design Effectiveness

Overall Effectiveness of the Production