

Voice Guidelines



ARTS ALIVE! Formerly Arts Education Grant Student Qualifying Performances

Adjudication Selection Process

- Only judges, timekeepers and students are allowed in the auditorium. Parents, family members, and teachers are invited to wait in the lounge.
- Students should choose a piece of music from the standard vocal repertory such as Neapolitan folk songs, oratorio, folk songs of America and other countries, Broadway songs, spirituals, or sacred songs (**rock, rap, hip-hop are not acceptable**). Judges will pay special attention to the selection of music performed.
- Students are expected to furnish their own accompanist.
- Students are expected to sing their qualifying performance material **by memory**.
- Students will provide three copies of the musical selection to be performed with all of the measures numbered, for the judges' use. Copies **will be** turned in upon arrival at the registration table. Copies **will not be** returned and **will be** destroyed upon completion of qualifying performances.
- Students will be identified by number **ONLY**.
- No student will be judged by immediate family or current teachers/instructors.
- Judges will have no discussion with the students during the performance.
- The performance should not exceed three minutes however, it may be less than three minutes.
- Students should be reminded that good grooming and appropriate dress are in order when performing. Tennis shoes, t-shirts and ragged jeans are considered inappropriate.
- Students will be judged on a scale of 1–10 with the total possible score of 50 points.

Students will be judged on the following criteria

1. **TONE QUALITY**—Singing with a free and clear tone, one with beauty and desirable Timbre. Not a harsh tone.
2. **DICTION** - Singing with clarity of consonants and purity of vowels.
3. **RHYTHM**- Being careful to give each note its assigned length of time value.
4. **INTONATION** - Singing in tune with correct pitches.
5. **MUSICAL/ARTISTIC RENDITION** - Expressiveness, style, phrasing and choice of music.