

# THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA FESTIVAL TALENT SHOW

## School Participant Information

*There will be a **talent show** during the time between dinner and awards at the Festival.  
This decision was made in response to repeated difficulties faced by host schools in previous years  
when selecting an appropriate activity for all participants.  
We have designed the execution of this activity to be as easy as possible.  
as we know that the demands on directors are already quite high during the week prior to festival.*

**Each school may submit as many talent show acts as they like.**

The director should list the acts on the attached sheet in the order that the director would like them to perform.

This order is not necessarily by quality or ability, but rather by director's preference, understanding that the acts that are placed at the end of the list may not get to perform due to time constraints.

*This is a great opportunity for that cast or crew member who needs a special moment to shine!*



### Suggestions for acts:

- + choreographed dance
- + live singing (LIP SYNCS ARE NOT ALLOWED.)
- + playing an instrument
- + martial arts demonstration
- + an improv game demonstration
- + a short skit



**Acts must be previewed by each director and should be no more than 3 minutes long.**

## DAY OF FESTIVAL

- Students should come to the talent show after dinner with whatever materials/costumes/CD's that they need to perform.
- When the emcee announces the next performance, they will also call the "on-deck" performer to come backstage.
- If they have a CD that needs to be played, they will drop it off in the sound booth on their way backstage when called. All CD's should be clearly labeled with the student's **name, school, and track number**. The student is responsible for picking up their CD at the conclusion of the talent show. *Any unclaimed CD's will be thrown away at the end of the day.*

## Directors – In short, you are responsible for:

- *previewing the performances for appropriateness (please check lyrics on all songs being used)*
- *compiling the ordered list of performers,*

*There is no additional preparation needed on the director's part.*

**However, please encourage your students to come up with acts.**

**The talent show will be a lot of fun IF we have lots of participation.**