

## **District Achievement Audition - Frequently Asked Questions**

### **When is the District Achievement Audition?**

The date for the District Achievement Audition is dependent upon the teacher's location in Oklahoma. Refer to the District Centers and Dates OMTA webpage for more information.

### **What happens if a student cannot play on the date of the teacher's center, can the student participate at another audition center?**

No, with the E-Achievement Auditions, students who cannot attend in-person can register for the virtual E-achievement auditions.

### **What is the Solo Division?**

Solo Division is open to students K-12

Piano: Students in grades K-12

Band and Orchestral Instruments: Students in grades K-12 Voice: Students in grades 7-12

Students perform as a soloist one memorized solo at the District Achievement Audition. If a student is eligible for the State Achievement Audition the same solo will be performed.

### **What is the Merit Division and how does it work?**

Merit Division is open to students K-12 Piano: Students in grades K-12

Band and Orchestral: Students in grades K-12 Voice: Students in grades 7-12

The Merit Division requires submitting two solo compositions at the time of the District entry deadline and cannot be changed after the online form is submitted. In addition, a Merit Division student must take the theory test in March. A performance rating of I+ or I at District qualifies a Merit Division student to perform their Merit composition (second composition) at the State Achievement Audition. Merit students will receive a Merit Award plaque at State. Students receiving a rating of I- at District may move forward to State but the student will perform the same composition at State as they did at District. Students will be switched to the Solo Division for State by the State Achievement Audition coordinator.

### **Can a teacher change a student's Solo or Merit Division status?**

No, once entered, the student must stay in the division in which he/she entered.

### **Realizing the omission of students after submitting the online District form, how can a teacher enter those students?**

Teachers will need to enter the students by completing another online entry form by the entry form deadline.

### **Can a student's composition or theory test level be changed?**

No, once a teacher has completed and submitted the online entry, changes cannot be made. Teachers are responsible for completing the online entry form with accurate information.

### **How does a teacher correct a misspelled student name or composition title?**

All entry information is taken directly off of the submitted District entry form. It is the teacher's responsibility to enter correct information including the spelling of names, compositions, and composers.

### **How can a teacher make sure a composition meets the repertoire requirements?**

Check the OMTA website, Repertoire Requirements, and with the District Chair.

**My student has memorized a composition that is only 12 measures long, but there is a repeat that make the piece 16 measures long. Is this composition acceptable?**

Repertoire must be at least 16 measures long before any repeats.

**What happens if a student brings repertoire that does not meet OMTA's repertoire requirements?**

If an adjudicator or an event volunteer notices that the composition does not meet the OMTA repertoire requirements and reports the problem to the Chair, the student will be allowed to perform for a critique only and will not receive a rating or award and will not be eligible to participate at the State Achievement Audition.

**Can a teacher make time audition time requests?**

On the District entry form, teachers should complete the special requests section. In this area teachers should list important information such as sibling names and grades, students who are riding together, name of accompanist, and specific times a student is able to participate because of a conflict with another activity.

**What happens when a student has registered for the District Achievement Audition but cannot participate? Can the teacher fill the slot with another student who did not sign up for District?**

Students who cannot participate in the District Achievement Audition after being entered by the teacher cannot receive a refund of the entry fee. Teachers cannot enter a student to take the place of another student. Please inform the Chair of the cancellation.

**How do teachers find out audition times for the State Achievement Audition in May?**

All State Achievement Audition information including audition times and room information will be posted on the OMTA website by May 1. Refer to the OMTA State Achievement Audition webpage for more information.

**What happens in case of severe weather?**

No refunds are given for weather cancellations.