

TALENT SHOW INFORMATION

Please read through this information carefully so you are prepared.

Auditions will be December 14 after school. If you are not available to audition on December 14, speak to Ms. Lebowitz or Ms. Tolpa before December 8.

After school on December 14 you will report to the Cafeteria and wait to be dismissed to the Theatre Arts Room. Only students who are auditioning may be present so do not bring friends or family with you who are not planning to audition. Not all students will be able to participate in the Talent Show due to time constraints – therefore, the better prepared you are for your audition, the better the chances you will get chosen. All decisions made by Ms. Lebowitz and Ms. Tolpa are final.

The Talent Show performance will be on Friday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a **mandatory** information meeting during first block of the after school program on Thursday, January 4 for all selected participants.

Students involved in the Talent Show have to meet certain expectations in order to remain involved. These expectations include, **but are not limited to:**

- Performance material must be appropriate for middle school and must conform to all school regulations as stated in the SR&R
- Students **must** fill out the google form and obtain all teacher signatures on the Audition Form **prior** to auditions. No one will be allowed to audition without the required signatures and a filled out google form.
- A possible change in performance may be requested such as:
 - Solo performers may be asked to partner up.
 - Some of you may be asked to choose a new song or performance routine
- Attending scheduled rehearsals as requested on January 4, 8, 11, 18, and 22 to show progress.
 - Please note that **Wednesday, January 31** and **Thursday, February 1** are the **mandatory** dress rehearsals for the Talent Show

Students can be removed from the Talent Show for the following reasons:

- Failure to comply with the above rules
- Missing any part of the mandatory dress rehearsals or missing any rehearsals you are scheduled for
- Inappropriate behavior during the school day or at rehearsals
- Failure to fully prepare your performance piece by January 31 (lyrics memorized, dance routine completed, etc)
- Failure to stay on top of your classroom responsibilities
 - Classroom teachers and parents have the discretion to remove a student from the Talent Show if their work is beginning to suffer.

Your behavior and your grades matter. School work and homework come before the Talent Show. If a teacher, administrator, or your parents decide for any reason that your behavior/actions/grades warrants your removal from the Talent Show, you will be removed, no questions asked. This includes your behavior at rehearsals.

I want to audition! What should I do to prepare?

1. Fill out the Google Form - <https://goo.gl/forms/bzWoCHD7MKEM2Df11> or



2. Obtain all required signatures from teachers and parents
3. If you have an instrumental track to for your audition, make sure you include the link in your Google Form or bring the track to the audition on an iPod or CD. ***Do not assume that we can find and play the track for you – be prepared! Because....***
4.***performance space is limited.*** The more prepared you are, the better your chances are of being selected to perform in the Talent Show!
5. Questions? – email

Ms. Lebowitz at SJLebowitz@fcps.edu or Ms. Tolpa at cdtolpa@fcps.edu

Need to find an instrumental track to practice and perform with? Purchase and download at www.itunes.com or you can stream tracks for free on www.spotify.com. Many instrumental tracks can also be found on YouTube by searching for "<song name> instrumental" or "<song name> karaoke".

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Can I audition more than one talent?

A: Yes. But you need to fill out a separate Google Form for each audition so we have the information about the piece you are auditioning. Instructions for submitting multiple auditions are explained in the online form.

Q: Can I audition as a solo performance and with a group performance?

A: Yes. See above answer.

Q: Does everyone in a group audition have to fill out the online form?

A: Yes. We need contact information for all students auditioning.

Q: What happens if I have to miss the Jan 4 meeting or a rehearsal?

A: Participants are expected to attend everything required. If you have an issue with a date *that you already know about* please speak to Ms. Lebowitz *before* auditions and list it in the Google form. If anything comes up after participants are selected, speak to Ms. Lebowitz *as soon as you know about it*.

Q: Does the recorded music have to be instrumental?

A: Yes. No one will be allowed to “sing along” with a recording. This does not apply to dancers.

Q: Do I need the recorded music at the audition?

A: It is helpful but not required. Remember, it must be instrumental if you’re singing.

Q: Do I have to have my audition memorized?

A: No, but it will have to be memorized for the performance and there is not a lot of time after auditions to get ready. The more prepared you are at the audition, the better chance you have of getting selected!

Q: What if I want to change my song choice after I get selected?

A: You can’t so choose wisely.

Q: What if I do a good job but my audition partner doesn’t?

A: If you audition as a group, either the group will be selected or the group will not be selected. We will not select individuals from a group audition.

Q: Does getting in trouble in class affect my status with the Talent Show?

A: Yes! Behavior counts both during school and after school. You can be removed from the Talent Show for poor class behavior.

Q: When are the rehearsals?

A: There is a mandatory meeting on Monday, January 4 and other rehearsals will be scheduled on January 4, 8, 11, 18, and 22. Not everyone will be required to come to every rehearsal. The **mandatory dress rehearsals** will be on Wednesday, January 31 and Thursday, February 1. Any conflicts should be properly listed on the google form so we can schedule rehearsals appropriately. Conflicts with the dress rehearsals could affect casting choices.

Q: Can my friends come to my audition for support?

A: No. Only students who are auditioning for the Talent Show may attend auditions. Consequently, only students selected to be in the Talent Show can attend rehearsals.

Q: What if I have more questions?

A: See Ms. Lebowitz as soon as possible.

PERMISSION SLIP, RULES, AND BEHAVIOR CONTRACT for the 2018 TALENT SHOW

- Cast and crew members are expected to maintain a “C” average in the majority of their classes. The Twain faculty will be notified of the full cast and crew list and will be asked to notify Ms Lebowitz if any member falls below a C.
- Cast members are not allowed to miss any rehearsal time. Missing rehearsal may result in removal from the Talent Show.
- All conflicts should be listed in the Google Audition Sign Up form so we can create an accurate rehearsal schedule. Cast members should use down time at rehearsal to finish homework. In the event cast members need to make up work with a teacher, they should schedule time during Return Periods, lunch, or after school on days they are not scheduled for rehearsal. When that is not possible, Ms. Lebowitz should be notified immediately.
- New conflicts that arise after auditions should be avoided if possible. If they can’t be avoided, they should be communicated to Ms. Lebowitz immediately.
- Cast and crew members must be picked up from rehearsal no later than 15 minutes after dismissal. Continuous issues with arriving on time to pick up cast and crew members could result in their removal from the Talent Show. Please plan accordingly.
- If cast members are home sick or are sent home from school early on a day they are supposed to attend rehearsal, Ms. Lebowitz must be notified by email immediately. (sjlebowitz@fcps.edu)
- Tech Week is sacred. Attendance is mandatory on January 31 and February 1. All appointments, other activities, and commitments should be avoided on those days. Any absence during this time that has not been communicated properly and is not an emergency could be grounds for dismissal.
- Cast and crew members may be removed from the production at the discretion of the Director for any disciplinary or academic issues that arise during the time between auditions and the performance. Any cast or crew member removed from the production will be a joint decision by Ms. Lebowitz and the administration.
- The Director and any parent or teacher volunteers are in charge at all rehearsals. You are expected to be respectful, responsible, and exhibit positive citizenship at all times.
- Cast members are responsible for keeping the Theatre Arts Room, Chorus Room, Stage, and any other rehearsal/performance areas clean.
- Proper theatre etiquette will be maintained at all times. For example, loud talking during a fellow actors’ rehearsal/performance is prohibited. Repeat offenders may be removed from the production.

- Disparaging remarks made to or about fellow cast and crew members or the production is prohibited and may be grounds for dismissal from the production. Comments/complaints should be presented to Ms. Lebowitz or a stage manager privately.
- Unauthorized handling of equipment, props, costumes, set pieces, or items that do not belong to you is grounds for immediate dismissal. If it does not belong to you or your character, do not touch it.
- Radios, ipods, cell phones, and other electronics may not be used at rehearsal without permission. **Students are responsible for their own belongings.**

A copy of this signed contract will be returned to all students cast in the Talent Show.

I hereby give permission for my child, _____, to audition for the Talent Show.

_____ My child has signed up on the online google form.

_____ My child will be bringing in a paper audition form as we were unable sign up online.

_____ My conflicts have been added to the Google Sign Up form or have been provided on a separate sheet of paper.

_____ I have no conflicts at this time

I have read the information sheet and understand the rules and expectations associated with my child participating in the school production.

Signature of Guardian

Date

By signing below, I understand that if cast I must attend all rehearsals for which I am called and maintain both my grades and good behavior. I have read the information sheet and understand the rules and expectations associated with participating in the Talent Show.

Signature of Student

Date

TALENT SHOW AUDITION FORM

Before auditions on December 14, you must fill out all required information on the Talent Show Sign Up Google Form. You can access the google form at this website: <https://goo.gl/forms/bzWoCHD7MKEM2Df11> or by scanning this QR Code:



You will not be allowed to audition on December 14 if you:

- Have not filled out the google form or a paper form
- Do not have all seven signatures below (don't wait until the last minute! Sometimes teachers are absent.)
- Do not have a signed permission form

TEACHER APPROVAL

Grades are not needed.

Sign if you approve of this student participating in the Talent Show.

PERIOD	CLASS and TEACHER	SIGNATURE
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