

INSTRUMENTAL COMPETITION GUIDELINES

I. PURPOSE

- A. To use the musical abilities God has given us to His glory.
- B. To grow in musical and technical ability through learning a piece of music well enough to perform before an audience.
- C. To have the opportunity to receive constructive oral and written comments from someone other than the participant's teacher.
- D. To develop self-confidence and poise before a group.
- E. To hear other student musicians perform.

II. PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

- A. Any student in grades 5-8 who is currently enrolled with instrumental lessons.
- B. Students choose level of difficulty according to ability.
- C. Each entry should be of performance quality at the time the entry is sent in.

III. MATERIALS

- A. Pieces may be chosen from the Prescribed Music List for Solos and Ensembles found on the Science and Fine Arts Fair website.
- B. TWO legal copies of a piece, one for performance and one for the judge to use.
 - 1. For students in the Luther Grade School Band Program, music will be furnished for the judge and the accompanist by Luther High School. The student only needs to purchase their own copy. All other students must purchase two copies.
 - 2. Ratings will be withheld if illegal copies are used.

IV. EVALUATION

- A. Ribbons will be awarded to ratings – I, II, III.
- B. Judging criteria will be those of WSMA. (see the Judge's Form)
- C. Students receive a rating of -- I, II, III, IV, V.
- D. Judges write out evaluations personally; no consensus judging.
- E. All performances are judged on the basis of the written music.