



2021 SUPERINTENDENT'S HONORS VIRTUAL SECONDARY MUSIC SHOWCASE

Submission Requirements.

- 1— All recorded submissions must follow CDC guidelines for COVID-19 in the event you are recording a submission in a live setting.
- 2 – In order to meet eligibility for STEAM designation, a video must be submitted for at least one category.
- 3- **Submissions are due February 12th, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.**
- 4 – All submissions must meet the following requirements:
 - a. 2 minutes – 5 minutes in length
 - b. Good video and sound quality
 - c. Must have entertainment value (it should be a performance that you would have in your normal concerts).
 - d. **All participants must have a completed Media Release form with MDCPS**
- 5 – Fill out the Student/Teacher Information for each video submission. The form can be [found here](#).
- 6 – **Only one submission per category but teachers may submit videos for more than one category**
- 7 – Categories:
 - a. Secondary String instrumentalists (solo/group)
 - b. Secondary Band Instrumentalists (solo/group)
 - c. Secondary Vocalists (solo/group)
 - d. Secondary Pianists (solo/group)
 - e. Secondary Guitarists (solo/group)
 - f. Secondary Songwriting Submissions (solo/group)
 - i. Must be 2 minutes – 5 minutes in length
 - ii. Must have an instrumental accompaniment (no a cappella)
 - iii. No parodies/copyrighted material
 - A. Solo submissions may include but are not limited to:
 - a. One movement from a concerto
 - b. An Etude
 - c. A Jazz Standard with an Improvisation Section (Instrumentalist/Vocalist)
 - d. An Aria/Lieder/Classical Art Song/Musical Theater/Contemporary solo (vocalists)
 - e. An arrangement/cover of a contemporary (popular) piece of music
 - B. Submissions may include but are not limited to the following genres:
 - a. Jazz
 - b. Contemporary/Pop
 - c. Classical
 - d. Musical Theater



8 – Public performance Licensing: If you are submitting a performance that contains copyrighted music, you may need to obtain a Public Performance License. This is a free event; no payments will be collected. Please check for information regarding the repertoire you and your students used by [clicking here](#).

Instructions for Submitting Videos

Video submissions can be submitted at this link: www.flipgrid.com/dcmea

1. Select “Topic” based on your performance category
 - a. Secondary Guitarists
 - b. Secondary Pianists
 - c. Secondary Vocalists
 - d. Secondary Band Instruments
 - e. Secondary String Instruments
 - f. Secondary Songwriting Submission
2. Click “Record a Response” and then select “Upload Clip”
3. Before submitting your video, in the title field, please include the following information:
 - a. Title of Song
 - b. Teacher’s Name
 - c. School Name
4. Recording Guidelines:
 - a. Record horizontal at 1080p at 30 frames per second
 - b. Make sure you are lit well and centered on screen
 - c. If using an iPhone, turn off high efficiency mode
 - d. Find a small room that is not too live (no a lot of echoing; bedrooms tend to work well)
 - e. Minimize external sound as much as possible (Let others in the house know you are recording. Be mindful of traffic noises outside.)
 - f. Choose a solid background, if possible. **Do not use a virtual background.**
 - g. Wear performance attire/school uniforms for submitted recordings
 - h. Be sure to show your whole face, head, and instrument
 - i. Record a complete take