



**WAKE COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM**



TO: High School Arts Staff  
FROM: Freddie-Lee Heath  
DATE: 10/12/20  
RE: **Governor's School Auditions/Portfolio Review**

**AUDITIONS/PORTFOLIO REVIEW WILL BE REVIEWED THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16TH.**

**Students must qualify academically, regardless of their artistic abilities, to participate in Governor's School. Please check with your guidance office regarding academic eligibility.**

- Local Auditions recordings must be submitted to your high school counselors by the end of school day on Monday, November 9, 2020. Theatre Arts (current 11th graders only) ■ Visual Arts (current 11th graders only) ■ Dance (current 10th & 11th graders) ■ Soprano voice (current 10th & 11th) ■ Flute/Piccolo, Clarinet & Saxophone (current 10th & 11th)
- The nominee may submit videos in the following formats: MP4, MOV, WMV. Files should contain (LastName.FirstName.Instrument or Area. Example: Doe.John.Dance or Doe.Jane.Soprano)
- Visual Arts nominees should present a Powerpoint presentation with embedded audio.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE AUDITION INFORMATION LISTED BELOW is loosely based on the state-level auditions but not as specific. Encourage your students to review the audition criteria listed on the DPI website: <http://www.ncgovschool.org/>**

# **Local Arts Auditions Guidelines**

## **Art** (current Juniors only)

All nominees must submit three of their best works of art in any medium that show drawing, painting, sculpturing, ceramic, or printmaking skills. The three pieces may be in the same medium. Each piece is limited to 36 inches in width and height. Framed artwork will not be accepted (matting is allowed). For the virtual audition, A Powerpoint presentation may be compiled of the three pieces with audio recording talking points discussing rationale of the piece, medium used, and reflection on process. 3D pieces may have multiple images on one slide to show different angles.

## **Dance** (current Sophomores & Juniors)

Dance nominees should wear practice clothing only (leotards and tights). Ballet shoes are not to be worn. Nominees will be auditioning in their bare feet. No costumes will be necessary. Nominees should put their hair up and not wear jewelry. Nominees should prepare a 90 second - 2 minute contemporary/modern dance that should include leg extensions, floor work, direction change, and off balance turns. Judges will be looking for strong improvisation skills and creativity.

## **Drama** (current Juniors only)

This year's audition will consist of two parts: an original performance and a monologue. Please refer to the [NC Governor's School, 2020- Theater Auditions](#) for specifics of state audition. Local auditions will consist of two submitted video recordings. One of the [three linked Monologue](#) choices and an original piece. Uploaded file names examples: Doe.Jane.Original or Doe.John.Monologue3.

**Choral Music – Soprano Voice only** (for local auditions) (current Sophomores & Juniors) Choral music nominees will perform a 90-second to two-minute contemporary formal repertoire piece from a 20th century or 21st-century composer. A nominee should consult with their music teacher for a suitable piece. Do not select a piece from the genres of pop/rock, Broadway, film, gospel, or voice parts from choral repertoire. The recording may be a cappella or have live accompaniment. Nominees will NOT be expected to sight-sing during the local audition but should expect to sight-sing on the state level audition.

**Instrumental Music – Flute/Piccolo/Clarinet/Sax only** (for local auditions) (current Sophomores & Juniors)

Instrumental music nominees should be prepared to play a piece of their own choosing not to exceed two minutes from the [NC Governor's School 2020-Instrumental Audition list](#). Nominees should consult with their music teachers or band directors for a piece which displays their technical and musical abilities.