

# GUIDELINES FOR SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

## DISTRICT AND STATE

### **---BEFORE THE CONTEST---**

1. Have your original copies of the music with the measures numbered (in pencil only!).
2. Communicate with your accompanist early and often (Early means MONTHS before the contest)!
3. Practice Practice Practice. Superior ratings are earned through hard work. Break down difficult sections in the music by “chunking” them. (1 measure at a time, 1 beat at a time, 1 subdivided beat at a time) You must play difficult sections FIVE times in a row CORRECTLY before you can consider it learned.

### **---ON THE DAY OF THE CONTEST---**

1. Dress nicely
2. Show up early and be ready to perform on time
3. Communicate with your accompanist (where and when do you play)
4. Announce your Name, Grade, School, Song, & Composer to the judge in a clear voice.
5. Play Musically and EARN a SUPERIOR rating 😊