

MICHIGAN SCHOOL BAND AND ORCHESTRA ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT 12 SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL
Saturday January 16, 2027 Livonia Franklin High School

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: Friday, October 23, 2026 by 3:00 PM

The Solo and Ensemble Festival is an annual event sponsored by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA). It is an opportunity to perform music for an experienced teacher who will provide written/verbal comments, suggestions for improvement, and an overall rating (I-V). Students earning a "I" or "II" rating also receive medals for their excellent performances. Ensembles (duets, trios, etc.) are popular ways to gain experience at this festival. Participation as a soloist or as a member of an ensemble is strongly encouraged.

Students may receive additional help during school. The commitment to prepare for this event is the responsibility of each participant. Your classroom music teachers will assist in the selection of music for ensembles, and your music can also help in selecting a solo. Students performing solos or ensembles with piano accompaniment need to secure an accompanist ASAP. Accompanist fees typically range from \$50 - \$100.

Transportation to Livonia Franklin High School is the responsibility of the parent. Performance times, maps and final instructions will be distributed one week before Solo and Ensemble Festival.

To enter Solo and Ensemble Festival, students will need to complete the attached entry form, and return it to school no later than **Friday, October 23, 2026** along with cash in the exact amount. Indicate an early, middle, or late performance time. *Requested times are usually honored, and once assigned are very difficult to change.*

MSBOA SOLO & ENSEMBLE RULES

1. You may enter one, two or three events, but only one solo per instrument
2. All pieces must be a minimum 1 minute 30 seconds- Maximum length is 6 minutes
3. Only band and orchestra instruments (and piano) are allowed
4. Events requiring more than one piano or electric instruments are not allowed.
5. All parts (as written in the score) of an ensemble must be performed and must have the correct number of players with one to a part. (i.e. a trio must have 3 players, not 2 or 4)
6. If your piece has a written accompaniment, it must be played with you in order to receive a rating.
7. An original, full, numbered score showing all parts must be provided for the judge. NO RATING will be given if an original numbered score is not provided.
8. Entrance fees are non-refundable.
9. All participants are required to transport any equipment/ instruments needed for the performance.

When you agree to participate in an ensemble or solo you are making a commitment to the group and yourself.
CHECK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY

ENTRY FORM FOR CLAGUE BAND & ORCHESTRA

MSBOA DISTRICT 12

SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL SITE:

Livonia Franklin High School

DATE:

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If you are doing a solo AND an ensemble, please fill out a separate form for your ensemble.

SOLO

performance time preference(CIRCLE ONE): EARLY MIDDLE LATE

Name _____ Grade _____ Instrument _____

MUSIC SELECTION

- ☐ I have a piece in mind for my solo already/ I am choosing one with my private teacher.
- ☐ I will need help choosing music for my solo

PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT

- ☐ I have arranged to have an accompanist ACCOMPANIST NAME: _____
- ☐ I am still looking for an accompanist, but will have one soon
- ☐ I need help finding an accompanist
- ☐ The score for my piece does not require piano accompaniment (check with your music teacher)

A piano accompanist is often required for a solo performance. You will need to make arrangements to hire an accompanist for an additional fee (typically \$50-\$100.) If you need help finding an accompanist let your teacher know as soon as possible.

- ☐ **ENTRY FEE PAID: \$15 (for solo)** CASH ONLY - NO CHECKS, PLEASE!

ENSEMBLE

performance time preference(CIRCLE ONE): EARLY MIDDLE LATE

- ☐ We will need help choosing music for our ensemble
- ☐ Our performance room will need a piano

Name of each member

Grade

Instrument

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

- ☐ **ENTRY FEE PAID: _____ (\$10 X each member)** CASH ONLY - NO CHECKS, PLEASE!