

Waubonsie Valley High School Music Department
SOLO & ENSEMBLE INFORMATION
Saturday, February 21, 2026
Metea Valley High School

STUDENTS AND PARENTS: PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT CAREFULLY.
 Online Registration for Solo & Ensemble is due by: **Friday, December 12, 2025.**

Register online @ www.wvhsmusic.org>students>solo&ensemble

December 12 , 2025	Online Registration closes (Must use IPSD Login)
January 9, 2026	Piano Parts for accompanists and fees are due. Talk to private teachers <u>early</u> .
January 5-9, 2026	Sign up for Help Sessions
January 13, 2026	Help Sessions begin
January 30, 2026	All soloists who study privately must have met with their faculty coach for the first time.
February 13, 2026	All soloists who study privately must have met with their faculty coach two times by this date; four times if no private teacher.
February 21, 2026	District 204 Solo/Ensemble Festival @ Metea Valley H.S. Events are scheduled between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM
February 21, 2026	District 204 Honors Recital @ MVHS Auditorium 7:00 PM

What is the Solo & Ensemble Festival?

Our festival is a non-competitive event in which students are able to perform a solo and/or ensemble in front of a qualified clinician. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for musical growth; to practice daily, to work one-on-one with a director, to work with an accompanist, and to receive feedback from a professional. The clinician will provide instruction in a master-class setting. There are no scores or grades. Each master-class is one hour in length with four performances each hour. During each one hour session, students will have the opportunity to listen to several other groups and hear the clinician's comments.

The event culminates in an Honors Recital that evening, featuring the most outstanding performances from the festival. After the clinicians make their recommendations, selected members will be contacted by their directors. At this time, the WV music staff must know if your accompanist is available to perform at the Honors Recital. Students will be required to check in with their director before the Honors Recital begins. The recital will be presented in the **Metea Valley Auditorium** at 7:00 p.m.

You may participate in up to **two** events at the District 204 Festival. Any student who wants to perform in more than two events must receive the approval of their curricular director. Solo events on the same instrument may not be repeated.

How do I select a piece to perform?

Typically, students who study privately will have their solo selected by their private teacher. All other students must meet with their director prior to December 16th, so that an appropriate piece can be selected. If you register online without having your piece pre-approved, we reserve the right to request an alternate selection. **Pieces should not exceed 6 minutes in length.**

What will it cost?

The District 204 Solo and Ensemble Festival is free for students to register. If applicable, you will be responsible for an accompanist fee (see below), and purchasing music (cost varies).

Accompanist

All pieces that require piano accompaniment must have a *qualified* pianist performing the part. Accompanists provided through the school will cost \$45 for vocal and \$50 for instrumental events. This cost includes one 20-minute rehearsal and performing for the District 204 Festival.

Fees for accompanists provided through your teacher are due on January 9, 2026. If

you hire your own accompanist, you assume responsibility for arranging rehearsal times and payment. **Accompanists are limited to 15 total events for the Solo & Ensemble day.**

Finally, if you are selected to perform in the Honors Recital, WVHS MEAC will pay your accompanist an additional \$50.

Clinician Copies

You must provide an original score (no photocopies) for your piece with each measure numbered. For solos, you must provide an ***original*** copy of the SOLO PART only. For ensembles, you need to provide an original print of the SCORE. The soloist or the ensemble captain must attend to this detail. Do not assume that someone will secure an original score for you.

EXPECTATIONS / RULES FOR INVOLVEMENT

1. The District 204 Solo & Ensemble Festival is a co-curricular activity. It requires after school rehearsal times, as well as guaranteed availability to perform on the dates identified above. If you have conflicts with either of those two expectations, you will not be able to participate.
2. Students must participate in a minimum of four help sessions with their designated faculty coach for EACH event. These appointments must be evenly spaced over the course of the solo/ensemble preparation period. Soloists who have private teachers must meet with their faculty coach at least two times. Participants MUST make themselves available to the ensemble in which they perform for each scheduled appointment time.
3. Ensembles are expected to rehearse together in homes, at school, or some other location two to three times per week, under the supervision of their "Captain" (student leader). Captains also assist in scheduling the group's mandatory faculty coach appointments.
4. If a student misses a help session, instructors reserve the right to remove the participant(s).
5. **Each participant must attend the mandatory District 204 Honors Recital on February 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM.**

Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure...than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.

- Theodore Roosevelt