

Region 5AA Solo/Ensemble Contest Information
Centennial High School
March 23, 2019
9am – 3pm

1. You must have TWO original (non-xeroxed) copies of your music with the measures numbers clearly in pencil. Please check with Ms. Zemlin by Wednesday to make sure we have two copies of your book! We will keep the books in a box in the homeroom area. Please take them only for your own event and make sure they are in the box otherwise so everybody has them when needed. Do not carry them around all day!

2. Switching times: Please take care of your own exchanges of time slots and report them immediately to Ms. Zemlin.

3. Transportation: There is no bus for this event, because it is for individual singers at different times of day. Get your own rides to Centennial High School. **Take Main Street East to Lexington. Take a right on Lexington. Take Lexington to North Road and turn left on North Road. The school will be on the left. It is the third building in the complex. Homeroom is W621. Enter through the MAIN DOORS of the West Building.**

4. Plan to arrive at least 30 minutes before your time slot. All of our books and coats will be in the homeroom area. Don't leave valuables there. There is no security, so leave your valuables at home, or carry them around with you. No CELL PHONES will be on at this event! Please do not be rude to another singer by texting during their event! Don't even have your phone on "vibrate." We can hear that sound in a performance site and it is disruptive.

5. Dress up and be conservative about it! Button down shirts with ties are good. If you wear a shorter skirt, wear solid leggings, preferably a dark color. Very nice dress slacks are fine. No skimpy sleeves or low necklines. No mid-drifts showing! Wear dress shoes that you can comfortably sing in – tall skinny heels make supporting your singing a challenge.

6. Tell the judge these things: "Good morning/afternoon. My name is _____. I am a (grade) at Blaine High School. I will be singing _____ by (or arranged by) _____. It is about _____. Don't tell the judge about all of your "issues" – colds, etc... It sounds like you are making excuses. Just sing and let them figure it out. Be expressive and enjoy the song and the character you are portraying.

When you are finished say "Thank you" – also thank Steve Swanson.

7. Arrive with your voice already warmed up. There really isn't a place for you to rehearse or warm-up at the contest.

8. If you are worried about how receiving a numeric score for your performance will affect you, you may compete for comments only. You need to write that on your form when you arrive at your site and specifically tell the judge that you are only singing for comments - no ratings or scores. *****Bring your rating form with you to your event. Ms. Z pre-labeled them and put them in the homeroom. They will be salmon colored.**

9. There is no food there for sale that day. Keep ALL FOOD and BEVERAGES in the Cafeteria – NOT in the classrooms (water bottles are an exception).

11. From Region 5AA: "Courtesy, respect for others, respect for property, a cooperative attitude, and performing your best is expected of all students. Each student is responsible for his/her own behavior."

12. Ratings will be posted approximately every 30 minutes in a designated area of the school. Please don't worry about the ratings – they will vary depending on which judge you have. **You sing because you love singing – don't make it be about the score.** You will be a better musician for putting yourself in this situation. That is all that matters.