

Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival

Judge Instructions



The students you hear today are hoping to perform at the State level of the Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival. Only students who receive an **overall** SUPERIOR rating will proceed to the State Honors Recital.

It is not our intention for this festival to be a competitive event. Our hope is that all students will be able to play in the State Honors Recital. DSPF is not for the competition-level student, but rather for the average student who is working hard, performing well, and who deserves some special recognition.

Memorization: Piano & Voice must be memorized. Ensembles do not have to be memorized.

Warm Up: Students may play a brief warm up in order to get the feel of the piano before performing. This should not be part of your evaluation.

Comments: Please comment on *each* piece. Comments should be as positive as possible; constructive criticism is best. Do not comment on the age / suitability of the piece or attempt to teach in any way during the judging. Please make sure your comments reflect the final overall grade. Post-it notes are for comments that you want to direct to a teacher.

Ratings: This is not a competition! You may award as many SUPERIOR ratings as you'd like. A good example of a SUPERIOR is that both pieces are performance ready today. Students who have one SUPERIOR piece and one not-so-SUPERIOR piece do not have to be rated SUPERIOR, but they may be rated so, if you feel the rating is deserved. Please do not pass poorly prepared pieces. That would be a reflection on the Association's standards. Do not compare students. Give one (1) rating for the entire performance. Once you have assigned a rating, do not change it. Do not use + or -. They will not count.

Best Piece: Please indicate the piece you believe is the better piece on the form.

Music: If a student has no music, please let them play for comments only and indicate on the rating that there was NO MUSIC. They may not advance to State. Photocopies are only allowed with a Photocopy Release Form.

Sign: Don't forget to sign your form.

Phones: Please do NOT look at your phone while a student is in the room with you.

Thank you so much for coming today to provide an educational opportunity for our students!