

Dear Parents:

CONGRATULATIONS, your child has qualified to participate in the *Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools' Junior Fine Arts State Competition* to be held May 14, 2021 at **Southeastern University** in Lakeland. It is an honor only afforded to individuals and groups who received the highest or 2nd highest numerical evaluation at the Regional Festivals and earned an Excellent rating or higher.

If your child qualified but will not be able to perform at State competition, please notify your school-level coordinator immediately so we can invite the next participant in line. You may disregard the remainder of this letter.

If your child will be performing, your School-level Coordinator will advise students of all rules and procedures prior to the State Competition. You may want to download the competition manual so you are aware of them as well - faccs.org/competitions/jr-fine-arts. Allow me this opportunity to share a few additional items to help you prepare your child for this event and plan your trip to central Florida.

1. **Covid-19 has altered our procedures for State competition. All Bands/Orchestras, Choruses, Ensembles (vocal and instrumental), Small Groups (vocal and instrumental), Reader's Theater, Choral Speaking, and One-Act Play groups will be submitted via video performance.** None of the aforementioned entries will perform live at State. **Check-in for all Art will be Thursday up to 4PM or Friday before 8AM.** The awards ceremony for group entries will be held virtually on Friday (time to be determined).
2. **All vocal and instrumental duets and all vocal, instrumental, and speech solos and will be scheduled to perform on Friday, May 14** beginning around 9 AM. **All Art will be judged on Friday as well.** The awards ceremony for individual and duet entries will be held virtually on Friday (time to be determined).
3. **A tentative schedule for both days will be emailed to all participating schools no later than Monday, May 3.** Please do not contact the FACCS office or the State coordinator for scheduling information - you must get this information from your child's school to which it will be emailed. The final schedule will also be posted on the website.
4. **Directions and hotel options near the college can be found by navigating to the FACCS Junior Fine Arts page at faccs.org/competitions/jr-fine-arts.**
5. **Your child is required to perform or present exactly the same score, script, or present the same artwork that was evaluated at the Regional Festival.** Please do not make any changes. Music and speech performances may be practiced, but artwork may not be altered in any way.
6. **You are welcome to attend the State Competition and watch your child perform. Due to Covid-19, there may be limitations to the size of the audience in a given competition room. Additionally, all visitors will be expected to follow the Covid-19 safety protocols of the host location.** While at the competition, you may be recruited by your school to help with supervision of students. Please be willing to help with this. Although your child and their performance is the most important event for you at the competition, it is imperative that the other students in your child's school have proper supervision and most schools cannot provide the necessary staff supervision.
7. **All coordinators' and judges' decisions are final.** The event coordinators and judges have been selected for their experience and knowledge in their specific areas of fine arts. They have the right to make evaluations and rulings, when necessary.
8. **Your child will receive numerical rating scores from the judges** for their performance. These will be distributed to your child's school following the competition.
9. **The top three numerical evaluations in each grade/category/division will be given awards of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place** to be presented at the virtual ceremony on Friday. In order to qualify for a placement, a minimum of 70/100 points must be earned. All awards will be shipped to your child's school following the competition.
10. **Boxed lunches will be available if you wish to pre-order lunches on Friday.** Lunches are \$8.50 each and include sandwich, chips, cookie, fruit, and drink. If you wish to pre-order a meal for you or your child, notify your school level coordinator before April 30 so they can place the order - orders must be submitted and paid for by the school.

It is our goal at FACCS to enable schools to invest in eternity - one student at a time. Thank you for allowing us to invest in your child's life and development.

God bless you,
Brent Jones, Ed.D.