2019 Music Performance Assessment (MPA) Information

Music Performance Assessment (MPA) is an event during which each school's orchestra program takes their different ensembles to perform a program of varied & challenging repertoire. Based on their performance, each orchestra receives a rating, from Superior to Poor. In addition, each orchestra must demonstrate competency in sight reading. Below is important information about MPA and FAQ's to address common concerns. Please contact Mrs. Allen at <u>raine.allen@ocps.net</u> with additional questions or concerns.

WHAT: High School MPA (Music Performance Assessment).

WHO: All orchestra students at Dr. Phillips High School (pending behavioral & GPA eligibility).

WHERE: Wekiva High School, 2501 Hiawassee Rd, Apopka, FL 32703. WHEN: Thursday, March 7th (individual times will be announced once assigned) TRANSPORTATION: Provided by DPHS via Empire charter buses. FOOD: Students should bring a water bottle and breakfast/lunch/snacks.

FAQ's:

How should my child dress? In their orchestra concert uniform- please see the orchestra handbook for a detailed description. In addition, students should avoid wearing jewelry or hairstyles which attract unnecessary attention away from the group while onstage.

Can my child change clothes? While we are representing DPHS at Wekiva, students are expected to remain in uniform. They may change once we arrive back at DPHS.

Will there be concessions for sale at Wekiva? The short answer- it is undetermined. It is entirely up to the host school whether or not they will sell concessions, and at this time, Wekiva has not indicated that they will do so. This is why students should bring their own water, lunch, and necessary snacks.

Can I pick my child up early/drop them off late? Any individual transportation arrangements, to or from MPA, must be cleared in advance with Mrs. Allen. *Can my child work on homework while waiting to perform, or after they perform?* **NO.** Students are expected to politely observe the work of their colleagues from other schools while seated in the auditorium.