

FHS Band Solo Project

Freedom High School Band Students will begin their solo project this week. This is a very important project for band students that involves a number of steps. Most of this project is done independently by the students at home. Students should follow the checklist below to ensure that they are completing all of the required steps in order to be successful at this project. The solos will be performed in class using the Smartmusic Accompaniment program. The solo project consists of two parts, the solo performance and the follow-up solo evaluation paper. The solo performance is worth 50 points and the paper is worth 20 points, bringing the total project grade to 70 points. You will be given a separate sheet to explain the follow-up solo evaluation written assignment.

- Choose your Solo by Fri., Sept. 27, 2019 – Write down title of solo, book, & page # (if applicable) on the solo sign-up sheet
- Check to make sure that solo is included in the Smartmusic Library (by Sept. 27 at the latest!)
- Bring in a CD-R or \$1.00 for a CD-R and record the Smartmusic accompaniment to practice with at home. Be sure to record both with and without the solo line (by October 4 at the latest!). You may also use Smartmusic at home if you prefer, so you don't need to record here at school
- Check to make sure that you know all the notes and rhythms. If you have questions or need extra help, see Ms. Howard or other band students for help.
- Practice your solo EVERYDAY and prepare it to a performable level. Your solo is YOUR responsibility
- You should practice performing your solo with the CD or Smartmusic in front of parents, friends, and family in order to be prepared for the solo performance.
- Solos will be performed during the week of November 18 during class. You must be ready to perform your solo at this time.
- Solos will be judged and graded based on the following categories – Tone Quality, Interpretation, Rhythm, Intonation, Technique and Stage Presentation

Please turn in by Friday, September 27!

Name _____ Period _____ Instrument _____

Title of Solo _____

This solo is from the "Free" library on Smartmusic (circle one) YES NO

Name of Book solo is from (please be specific, e.g. Volume II) _____

Page(s) solo is on _____

This book is in the FHS Band Library (circle one) YES NO If NO, you must own a copy of this book or have it available to you!

I understand the steps of the Solo Project as detailed above. I will practice my solo with Smartmusic and/or the recording in order to prepare for my in-class performance. I will get help if and when when I need it! I have had my Solo approved by Ms. Howard so that I know it is at the appropriate performance level for me.

Student Signature

Date