



2024 Dodgen MS Seventh Grade Orchestra GMEA Large Group Performance Evaluation

Dear Orchestra Parents and Students,

Each year the Dodgen Orchestras are required to participate in only one competitive/adjudicated performance. This event is sponsored by the Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) and is called Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE). At this event, the orchestra and the directors will be evaluated on our appearance, stage behavior, music selection, all aspects of our performance skills, and sight-reading ability. We will earn numeric ratings and comments by three GMEA-certified Orchestra judges and one sight-reading judge (overall group rating, not individual). This event is a valuable learning opportunity that is equivalent to the Milestones testing and provides motivation for students to do their best on the chosen music. Each individual student's performance skills and behavior are crucial to the success of this large group performance.

The goals of Orchestra Large Group Performance Evaluation participation are:

- To raise the standards of musicianship, instrumentation, technical knowledge, and literature selection of performers
- To promote the development of musical knowledge as expressed in performance through evaluation, advice and suggestion
- To offer students, parents, and teachers the opportunity to listen to the best work of peer groups from other schools

GMEA District 12 LGPE will be held on **February 7th** and we will walk to and from Walton High School. Here is the general schedule for the day:

TIME	DMS SEVENTH GRADE Orchestra Performance Evaluation Schedule- 2/7/2024
Night Before	Get uniform together, practice
Before School	Drop off uniform and instrument in OR, go to first and second period as normal
11:03-11:30 a.m.	All students report to theater for Chick-Fil-A lunch (or bring lunch from home)
11:30- 11:45 a.m.	Change into uniform and gather equipment, music, uniform for the walk to Walton
12:00 pm	Depart for Walton HS- WALKING- wear a coat, hat, gloves, scarf, etc- bring umbrella if rain is forecasted, students may wear comfortable walking shoes and change into dress shoes at Walton
12:15 pm	Unpack and go to stage for tuning and warmup
1:30 pm	STAGE PERFORMANCE- Walton High School Auditorium (open to parents)
2:00 pm	Students move to another classroom for sight reading evaluation
2:30 pm	Pack up and return to Dodgen Middle School- WALKING
2:45 pm	Students secure instruments and equipment in the classroom and change clothes
3:14 pm	All students return to seventh period on time

We need 10-12 parent chaperones to assist with this trip. We need help walking students safely across to Walton HS and back, and we will have to quickly move a lot of equipment from place to place without leaving anything behind. Student behavior will also need to be supervised during this event.

[Please click here to sign your child up for this field trip and order their meal.](#)

[Please click here to sign up to chaperone this trip.](#)

We have put a great deal of effort into preparation for this performance, and with your support we will have a successful learning experience. Please e-mail us if you have any questions regarding this event.

Mrs. Culley and Mrs. Champion