

**What is Solo and Ensemble?** Solo and Ensemble is an event put on by the FBA to promote student performance in solos or small ensembles. Students, with the help of their Band Director, select and prepare a solo on their instrument, and are typically accompanied by a piano player. At the Solo and Ensemble MPA, students perform their solo for a judge who is typically a current or retired Band Director. The students' performances are judged against a rubric similar to the one used in Concert MPA with 1 (Superior) being the top rating, followed by 2 (Excellent), 3 (Good), 4 (Fair), and 5 (Poor). Some students may also choose to form a small ensemble in addition to their solo. The selection of personnel and music is overseen by the Band Director. Most of the musical preparation is done by the students, with some input from the director. These ensembles are judged with the same rubric and rating scale as the solos.

**May I go watch my student perform?** YES!! Plan to arrive at least 30 minutes before your student's performance time to be sure you can find the right room in time. Maps of the campus will be posted, look for them when you arrive.

**Baptist University of Florida**  
**5400 College Drive, Graceville, FL**

**May I bring my student home after they have played?** YES! You must see Mrs. Walsingham to sign your student out, and then they are free to leave with you. If you can't find Mrs. Walsingham, text or call her at 850-381-8578, and she will meet you in the warm up room.

**May I get a recording of my child's performance?** Yes, but... The only way to get a recording of your student's performance is if they have a friend come in the room with them and use a cell phone to record the performance. The student recording must WATCH ONLY. They may not interrupt or interfere with the process in any way. They should ONLY RECORD THE STUDENT. The judge should not be in the video at all.

**How will my student get fed during this time?** Each student will be given 1 meal ticket to use in the cafeteria. The cafeteria is a restaurant quality buffet-style college cafeteria. It will be open 11:30-1:30 and 4:30-6:30. If your child will need to eat a second meal, there are 2 options. They may pay \$12.40 to eat a second meal in the cafeteria OR they may bring a packed lunch.

**What will my child do all day while waiting for their time to play?** There are quite a few options. The warm up room is spacious and climate controlled, so they are welcome to hang out there. Wifi is available if they want to bring a Chromebook or other device, but they will be responsible for the charging and care of any devices they bring. They are encouraged to go listen to their friends play; however, they must have that friend's permission to be in the room for a performance. If the weather is nice, there are places outside where they can sit and relax. Students are not to be playing their instruments anywhere except the warm up room and the performance room. No playing outside or in other spaces. Students are not to be running or horseplaying at any time, ever. Students are not to be using loud voices at all, at any time.

**What if I need to get in touch with my child and don't have a phone?** Please feel free to text or call Mrs. Walsingham at 850-381-8578 if you need to get in touch with your child.