

2019 Towers Talent Show Guidelines

The Towers Talent Show is scheduled to take place at the West High Performing Arts Center. Here are the notable dates:

Applications:	Due by February 4
Auditions:	February 6 and 8 after school
Rehearsals:	February after school, dates TBD, minimum 3 per act
Full Rehearsal at Towers:	March 1
Dress Rehearsal at West:	March 4
Assembly Shows at Towers:	March 6
Talent Show at West:	March 8, 6:30-9:00pm

Rules for Acts and Auditions

- **Singers will be required to perform without any recorded vocals.** Please obtain an MP3 (192k or higher quality) *instrumental* version of the backing music for any singing act, as no recorded vocal accompaniment will be permitted. Amazon, iTunes, www.karaoke-version.com and other internet resources are available such instrumental-only tracks.
- **You MUST obtain your MP3 instrumental track before the audition, and either email it to us in advance (towerstalent2019@gmail.com) or bring it to the audition on a USB drive. We cannot spend audition time finding karaoke tracks on the internet, as has been done in past years. PLEASE COME PREPARED.** Music tracks provided to Talent Show Staff will not be returned, and may be modified at our discretion. We will inform you during Rehearsals if there are any revisions so that your child can practice.
- **Similarly, for any musical instrument performance, no background music will be permitted.** If your child is hesitant about singing or playing an instrument, there are many other types of performances to choose from including dance, magic, comedy, putting on a skit to name a few.
- **Acts will each be allowed a maximum of two and a half to three minutes.** Please edit your background music as needed; if you are unable to, please speak to talent show staff for assistance. Depending on the number of acts, we may increase the time allocated for some acts, and/or possibly break the show up into two halves. Information about these decisions will be provided as soon as available.
- **For any act that has music with vocals** (sung by the performer or played during the performance) **a copy of the lyrics must be turned in with your child's application.** We will not accept any act with language inappropriate for K-5 students. We will inform any applicant as soon as possible if there are any such problems.

- The application asks for second and third music choices for singers and dancers. Multiple performances of the same song will be limited. If multiple performers/groups wish to perform the same piece, we may ask you to combine the performances, or to perform your second or third choice. Priority will be given on a first-to-apply basis if we are otherwise unable to accommodate your selections. We will attempt to work out any such issues as early as possible. (You do not need to audition your second/third choices or provide MP3 tracks of second/third choices at auditions).
- After the auditions and prior to the start of rehearsals, we will coordinate with the show parents to work out any issues with music, props etc. Please encourage the performers to practice during that time as well. Once we start rehearsals, we have only three weeks for the kids to fine tune their performances. The more they rehearse on their own, the better they will feel.

Rehearsals:

- Talent Show staff will set up an online rehearsal schedule using SignupGenius. Each act must choose a minimum of three rehearsal timeslots unless otherwise instructed. **Performers who do not attend at least three rehearsals will not perform in the show.** Each timeslot will be approximately 1 hour long. Rehearsal time will be spent rehearsing with your children, with the show staff supervising and coaching as time permits. Parents, please be prepared to rehearse with your child.
- The rehearsal slots will be after school in **February, dates to be determined.** All costumes must be approved by **February 25th**. A mandatory rehearsal at Towers will be on **March 1st**. A dress rehearsal at West will be on **March 4th**.
- Each performer/group must have an identified adult to help them rehearse. Please make sure your child has an identified 'point person'. If your child attends the YMCA afterschool program, please inform us, so that we can coordinate with the Y as needed.

Assembly Show: On **March 6th**, the talent show will be held for Towers students during school assembly, to show off their hard work to their peers. The assembly show is not meant for parents, and due to the limited space in the cafeteria, parents should not attend.

Tickets: We will be selling tickets to the show to cover costs. This is not a fundraiser; however, we do need to cover our expenses.

Talent Show Staff: Please know that the talent show workers are volunteers. As a group, we are dedicated to making all performers shine. Please be kind to us. We welcome any volunteers. We will set up a SignupGenius for volunteer opportunities as well. **Please contact John Westergaard at john_westergaard@yahoo.com or Yolande Mavity Westergaard at yomavity@gmail.com.**

Main Contact: We know many of you will have questions, concerns, and ideas. Please address these to our main show email account: **towerstalent2019@gmail.com**. Please put the child/act name in subject and what it concerns (i.e. Music, Volunteer, etc.)

THANK YOU!!!