

## Large Group Event Descriptions– A Brief Overview

Students are permitted to participate in one or two large group events.

- **Choral Reading.** Also known as voice choir, where group members perform a work from a script, whether in unison or not; movements and voice changes are used for effect. Scripts required. Up to fifteen students may participate. One Choral Reading group can be entered. 15 minutes.
- **Ensemble Acting.** Any type of acting scene requiring 2-6 participants. No costuming or props allowed except for chairs and a table. Memorized. 3 entries are allowed. 15 minutes.
- **Group Improvisation.** A group of 2-5 people choose one topic from a list of three, and are given two minutes to prepare a scene lasting five minutes or less. 3 entries.
- **Group Mime.** A group of 2-6 acts out a scene in silence. Background music (without lyrics) is allowed. No costuming or props allowed except for chairs. 3 group mime groups. 7 minutes.
- **Musical Theatre.** A group of 2 - 8 students performs a series of selections from a musical play or one song, with background music. This category may not use costumes or props except for chairs and a table. Memorized. 3 entries. 10 minutes.
- **One Act Play.** A group performs either one act from a longer play, or a whole play consisting of only one act; no limits are placed on cast size and scene changes. Memorized. A school may enter one One Act Play. 35 minutes.
- **Radio Broadcasting.** A radio "broadcast" is prepared in advance by a group of 2-8 students and is played for judging. As with the video-based competition, the "broadcast" may include news, weather reports, and commercials or a "theme". Between 5 and 6 minutes. 3 entries.
- **Reader's Theatre.** A group performs a presentation of a work, read from a script; There are no props besides chairs. Scripts required. Up to fifteen students may participate. One Reader's Theater group may be entered. 25 minutes.
- **Short Film.** A film under five minutes is prepared in advance of the contest. The film can be of any genre, from comedy to action, as long as it meets the time requirements. This contest can involve as many as fifteen students. 3 entries. 5 minutes.

- **Solo Mime.** An individual acts a scene in silence, usually to background instrumental music, although this is not required. No costuming or props allowed except for one chair. 3 entries. 5 minutes.
- **Television Newscasting.** A video "broadcast" is prepared in advance by a group of 2-15 students, and displayed for judging; the video includes sections on news, weather, and commercials or a "theme". 2 entries. 10 minutes.