



St. Felicitas Talent Show Guidelines – 2021

February 22, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are making every effort to clearly communicate the details of this year's Talent Show. Please review these guidelines with you child(ren) prior to submitting the permission slip. The permission slip must be submitted by **Tuesday March 2nd by 3pm**. Students at school must turn in their permission slips to their homeroom teacher. Students at home must ask their parents to either take a picture or scan the permission slip and email it to Ms. Real at sreal@cndo.org.

Mandatory Zoom Meeting for Students at home and middle school

Tuesday, February 23rd at 3:30pm on Ms. Grajeda's Zoom link.

For students at school your performance will be recorded at school on a date to be determined later. We are looking at the end of April.

Talent Show Date - To Be Determined, we are looking at early May

Guidelines for Students on Campus

-Please email your music to Ms. Williams at cwilliams@sf-cs.org in MP3 format by Tuesday March 2nd. Spotify and YouTube links are also acceptable.

-Please note that this year group acts may only consist of **4** students or less. Students in a group act must also be from the same grade. Groups are highly encouraged to practice outside where they can still be socially distant. Good times to practice would also be during recess and lunch recess at school. Only students currently on campus can be in a group together.

-Ms.Grajeda, Ms.Real, or Ms.Williams will record in-person performances in April. Once students have turned in their permission slips, they will be given a performance date.

Guidelines for Students at Home

No special equipment needed, you can use a phone or laptop camera to record. Your video can not exceed 2 minutes. Your video must be in mp4 format.

After your permission slip is turned in you can record your video at home with your parent's help when you are ready. **All video submissions must follow the following guidelines below and be submitted to Ms.Grajeda (ograjeda@cndo.org) by Friday April 23rd.**

Best practices when recording:

- Practice and rehearse in front of the camera several times before recording
- Ensure you're in a quiet space to limit background noise
- Use headphone or earbud with mic for best audio quality
- When performing as a group, use Zoom through computer, not phone app, to record performance
- Dance groups should play music from the computer and mute all other lines during performance
- Singing groups should avoid/limit singing over each other. Divide up singing parts and mute lines for those not singing.

General Guidelines:

Each performance should be no longer than 2:00 minutes in length.

- Costumes may not be revealing, suggestive, contain inappropriate language or designs. Examples of inappropriate design are including, but not limited to, profanity, gang, drug or alcohol references, racial slurs or anything else deemed inappropriate or in poor taste.
- The Talent Show Coordinators, or their designees, have the authority to disallow costumes should they not meet the aforementioned guidelines.

Song Selection Guidelines:

- Songs chosen must not contain profanity, suggestive language or vulgar lyrics. **Parents are asked to review the music with your student** for appropriateness. Even though the version of the song may state "clean version", if the subject matter to which the song refers is obviously inappropriate, the student(s) will not be allowed to use it for the show.
- Printed lyrics must be attached to the Parent Permission slip.
- If the song is in a foreign language, the printed lyrics must be translated into English.
- Any student or group of students that will be performing to or playing any songs that are a compilation must check each song for appropriateness. If the general theme of the entire song is blatantly inappropriate, then none of that song may be used in the compilation. Students are encouraged to have their music pre-screened by the Talent Show Coordinator or their designee.

Vocal Performance:

- Songs must meet the selection guidelines listed above and **singing along with an artist's vocals will NOT be allowed**. Accompaniment songs must **not** have lead vocals. Karaoke tracks are usually available online and in local stores for most songs.

Dance Performance:

- Dance should not allow or encourage full body contact with the dance partner
- Dance should not include sexually suggestive body movements, e.g. hip thrusts
- Dance should not include touching private areas of the body.
- Music must meet the song selection guidelines listed above.

Dramatic Reading, Spoken Word or Stand Up Comedy Guidelines:

- All material must be submitted in writing attached to the Parent Permission form. The student will be notified prior to the auditions whether or not the material is appropriate, or if

changes need to be made.

- All material must be performed, as written.
- If the performer deviates from the script while on stage, they will be omitted from the rest of the performance.

Use of Musical Instruments or Band Performances:

- Music must meet the song selection guidelines. Song title and written lyrics must be submitted with the Parent Permission form.
- Students requiring the use of any other instruments, equipment, amplifiers or lighting are responsible for supplying, setting up and tearing down their own equipment.
- Any instruments or equipment needed for performances must be out of the way of other acts and not stored in such a way that it becomes a tripping or safety hazard.
- Any instruments or equipment used is used at the owner's risk. St. Felicitas assumes no liability for the safekeeping of such instruments or equipment.