



## **MGT 2024 - Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. What is the criteria for participation?**

The contest is open to all students from Transitional Kindergarten (TK) to Grade 5 from Fremont, Newark, Milpitas, and Castro Valley only. The submissions will be separated by grade level. Interested individual and small group participants need to [complete the form](#) and submit it latest by March 1, 2024, 11:59 PM.

The **participation fee is \$5 per student**, including those signed up for group performance. It must be paid via the MFMII website and before submitting the video. Students should participate only in one category - individual or group.

### **2. How do I help my child select songs, decide on movement for performances?**

Ask your child what he/she has been learning in his/her music classroom. Is there a favorite song that they would like to present? We encourage the use of songs from Music for Minors II's syllabus/repertoire as they are congruent with the state curriculum. Although any child-friendly, school-accepted music and performance will be approved. We will not approve any inappropriate vocal or dance performances.

### **3. Is there an option to showcase creativity?**

We encourage ingenuity. If there is a song/cheer/movement that the student has created, it can be included. It has to be the student's original work though.

### **4. What are the sound requirements for submission?**

Students can perform acapella if they so choose. Live or instrumental versions of the selected song can be included in their submission recording.

However, the track cannot contain prominent lead vocals besides the participants.

**5. How should we record the submission?**

We will only be able to consider submissions accompanied by requisite forms submitted latest by March 1, 2024, at 5:00 pm (PST) and payment of \$5 participation fee per student.

Students should prepare and record a maximum of 120 seconds (2-minute) long videos. Record the video in a quiet and well-lit setting. Hold your recording device in a **horizontal/landscape mode**.

**6. Can submissions be disqualified?**

The submissions where we cannot hear and see the student clearly, or that exceed the 2-minute timer limit cannot be included. We will also not be able to include videos where the student violates the school district's dress code - so no backless clothes, show midriff, have cutouts, include language/wording that is not age-appropriate. We will adhere to the school districts' Code of Conduct.

**7. What if my child wants to work on a joint performance with older siblings?**

The children can sign up to compete in the small group category, provided all are elementary students currently in TK to Grade 5. But we would recommend that they perform with their peers instead for a small group performance. If you need any further clarity or would like us to consider some exceptions, contact Priya Pawar, the Event Coordinator at [events@musicforminors2.org](mailto:events@musicforminors2.org).

**8. What if my child wants to work on a joint performance with peers from the same grade but different classrooms?**

The children can sign up to compete in the small group category. If you need any further clarity or would like us to consider some exceptions, contact Priya Pawar, the Event Coordinator at [events@musicforminors2.org](mailto:events@musicforminors2.org). Please mention MGT 2024 in the email subject line.

**9. Can my child sing a song in any language?**

Yes, but we will need the lyrics and translation, as well as the name of the language.

**10. How to submit the video?**

The video submissions should reach [events@musicforminors2.org](mailto:events@musicforminors2.org) via email before or by **March 1, 2024, 11:59 pm (PST)**.

Label the submission videos in the format below:

For individual performances:

**Student first name\_last name\_grade\_school** (Eg: Lily\_Collins\_2\_Parkmont)

For group performances:

**group name\_grade\_school** (Eg: Music Meastros\_3\_Hirsch)

**11. Who will judge the competition?**

The jury will include a panel comprising veteran docents and trained musicians. They will shortlist the submitted entries. The criteria to judge the competition is well-researched and fair. Select submissions will be showcased on the MFMII's Got Talent website [www.musicforminors2.org/gottalent](http://www.musicforminors2.org/gottalent) for public voting.

**12. Will my child get an award?**

All the students participating will get a participation certificate, besides a chance to win the contest. Top winners in each category will get an award and prize.