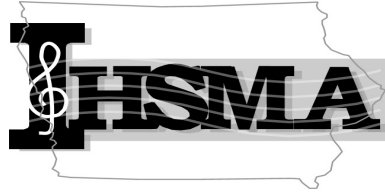




Iowa High School Speech Association



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Performance Etiquette for Attending Fine Arts Events

Please refrain from talking during the performance.

- **While you may only be whispering it does create a distraction for those around you.**
- This also includes whispering to or disciplining your other children

Please turn off/silence all pagers, cell phones, and watch alarms.

- **These can be very distracting to the performers and others in the audience**

Do not wave to your child/friend during the performance.

- **This creates a distraction for the performer and others in the audience**

Refrain from using flash photography during the performance.

- **Flash photography is a distraction and creates a dangerous atmosphere for the performers**

Applaud at appropriate times.

- **Formal Concert – at the end of each selection not after each movement.**
- Jazz Concert – at the end of each selection or to recognize the efforts of a soloist.
- Theatre Production – after each act/scene.

Do not leave as soon as your child's portion of the performance is over.

- **All of the students deserve a full audience for their performances.**
- Remember that the next time, your child's performance might be scheduled last.
- In the contest/festival environment it is appropriate to leave once the door has been opened.

Do not leave while the performance is in progress.

- **If you need to use the restroom do so between musical numbers or between scenes.**

Arrive at the performance with a positive attitude.

- **Your child is sensitive to your attitude towards their performance. Their performance may very well reflect your attitude.**