

STROLLING STRINGS

Membership in Strolling Strings is a responsibility and a privilege. The North Strolling Strings is the group that is in the public eye the most. This group does more outside performances than band, choir or drama!

There are TWO kinds of strolling “gigs”:

- 1)REQUIRED**
- 2)NON-REQUIRED**

The REQUIRED “gigs” are “REQUIRED” by every single stroller. They are usually designated as required because of the large audience numbers. “NON-REQUIRED” are smaller performances. You are required to perform a certain number of NON-REQUIRED strolling "gigs" each quarter depending on how many performances there are in that quarter. The number of NON-REQUIRED "gigs" you need to get an "A" for that quarter will be announced during the fourth week of each quarter. You must keep track of your own participation. Write EVERYTHING down in your planner. Keep your “gig” sheets. REMEMBER!!! REQUIRED gigs means everybody must attend. (Get it?)

Your quarter grade in strolling is determined by the following:

ATTEND ALL REQUIRED GIGS AND ATTEND CORRECT NUMBER OF NON-REQUIRED GIGS NEEDED FOR THE QUARTER – YOU GET AN A!!!!!!

FOR EVERY MISSED PERFORMANCE (WITHOUT PERMISSION) YOU DROP A LETTER GRADE. SIMPLE, HUH?

HERE IS IT IN AN EVEN SIMPLER WAY TO PUT IT:

Strolling Uniform - There are two strolling uniforms:

FORMAL

**orchestra uniform
(provided by the
District)**

**Purchased black dress shoes
Dance pants if a dancer
Black dress socks (men)**

INFORMAL

**Purchased strolling shirt
Purchased BLUE DENIM
JEANS WITH NO HOLES
no sweats, gym shorts,
Daisy Dukes, warm-ups**

**Athletic shoes -no
flip flops!**

You must wear the entire correct uniform to the performance. If you are not in the correct uniform, you may or may not be allowed to play but you will not receive credit for the "gig".

- **No facial piercings (other than earlobes) will be allowed during strolling performances.**
- **No extreme hair colors will be allowed during strolling performances.**
- **Hair should be worn "off the face".**
- **Ladies may wear a simple silver or gold necklace with the formal uniform. No large necklaces, large bracelets or large rings.**
- **Do NOT wad up your uniform and cram it into anything. Wash dresses and men's white shirts regularly. Wrinkled and dirty uniforms are NOT acceptable and make us look trashy.**
- **Men's jackets and dress pants must be drycleaned.**
- **Do NOT leave your uniform at school overnight. It will get stolen. It has happened before and will happen again.**
- **Ladies -wear appropriate undergarments (white) and purchase a bra that does not show straps with the dress and wear it!!!!**

If you do not stroll, you cannot get an "A" in strolling strings.

Sign-up sheets are posted in the room. Sheets are posted during the day before and after lunch and after school. **DO NOT TAKE CLASS TIME TO CHECK THE SIGN-UP SHEETS.**

Do not sign up in pencil. Someone will erase your name and write their own in.

Do not mark out or erase anyone's name on a sign-up sheet.

Do not sign up in the margins; if there are no more slots available come see Mrs. Hensel.

Be sure to read the sign-up sheets carefully and write down in your planner: the time, date, place and uniform of the "gig" for which you have made a commitment. Once you have made a performance commitment, you must perform! You may be excused from performing only if you can find a substitute. Try to let Mrs. Hensel know who is subbing for you if possible.

- If you know you are going to have work/sports/drama obligations, sign up early for the "gig" you know you can do. If you are having trouble working out schedule conflicts, see Mrs. Hensel.

Performances during the school day are common. They are usually during 6th block. Transportation will be provided by the school for school day performances.

Performances in the evening are usually around the dinner hour. Students must provide their own transportation. Try to carpool.