



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.