

STAHR GRADUATION

WHAT IS STAHR GRADUATION?

- Students are invited by their teachers to Graduate from a particular level, following the STAHR Graduation Guidelines.
- Students make a video recording of their graduation piece(s) in their teacher's studio.
- Teachers or Parents upload the video to YouTube and email the link to the Graduation Coordinator (Joanna Binford) who redistribute them to Adjudicator.
- The Adjudicators listen to the CD's and make comments.
- On Graduation Day, students perform come together to perform in group in a "play-in" fashion.
- Graduates have a "group-class" style rehearsal prior to the performance. This is an opportunity to meet other Suzuki students, families and teachers.
- Suzuki teachers participating in Graduation have the opportunity to lead Graduation rehearsals and performances and volunteer for other activities. It's a very fun and energizing social event for everyone involved.
- Afterwards, students receive certificates acknowledging their accomplishments. Teachers give the comment forms to the students during their lessons.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATION?

The Suzuki Teachers Association of Hampton Roads (STAHR) is a non profit organization dedicated to the teachings of Dr. Shinich Suzuki. Participating families must be members of STAHR in order for their students to be eligible to participate in graduation. Membership forms for are available on the the website.(STAHR: www.stahrmusicians.org) We hope every STAHR teacher will encourage and invite their eligible students to participate in this fine performance opportunity.

HOW DO I KNOW IF A STUDENT IS READY FOR GRADUATION?

In general practice a student planning to graduate is currently studying one book level beyond the graduation level. An invitation to participate in graduation is extended when the teacher feels the student has reached the point of (graduation) readiness in accordance with the Graduation Guidelines. The graduation piece to be performed in the graduation recital is one the student is ready to play with ease, accuracy and assurance.

It has been thoroughly learned and reviewed so the technical skills needed for musical expression have matured and are instantly available under the fingers.

ARE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE GRADUATION RECITALS?

Yes, students graduating must perform in order to receive their certificates. It is suggested, though not required, that teachers of graduates attend the concert and any rehearsals.

HOW MUCH DOES GRADUATION COST?

Graduation: \$30 per student for the first level, \$10 for each additional level
STAHR membership is required - \$25 per family

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Register online per your teacher's invitation at <http://www.stahrmusicians.org/graduation.php>. Registrations are accepted 2 weeks prior to the posted deadline through the deadline end of day.