



Dear Harold L Richards HS Senior:

We invite all graduating seniors to enter our PERFORMING ARTS department essay contest. To be considered, the Senior student must have been involved in **at least one** of the Performing Arts (Band, Choir, Drama or Speech) at Richards HS* for a minimum of 2 years. (*Transfer students, please note your previous Performing Arts experience to be considered)

Instructions for submitting your essay are as follows. Should any of these components be missing, the essay will be disqualified:

1. Name
2. Parent/Guardian(s) Name(s)
3. Student address, phone and email
4. Word count (listed at bottom/end of essay)

Essay theme:

Highlight a specific moment from your time in the Richards fine arts community that changed you as a person. Please include what aspects of the moment were impactful and why. Details matter. These aspects can be any combination of before, during, or after your changing moment. Please be clear about the moment as it relates to - name, details, choir, band, drama, speech, etc. - and then thoroughly explain your reasons.

The essay should be 750-1000 words, typed, double-spaced in a readable font with the word count included. Your word count does **NOT** include the title, your name or date. Please submit your essay via email to nora.hunt@chsd218.org by 11:59pm May 5, 2023. Late entries will not be considered.

Please use one of the following formats: (any other formats will be disqualified)

1. Word document attachment
2. PDF attachment
3. Google Doc shared to nora.hunt@chsd218.org with viewing rights

All essays will be read and judged by a committee of HLR Staff members. The submitted names or any reference to essay authors will be removed before submitting to the committee. Essay award will be given at an upcoming Awards night. Winner will be notified prior to that evening.

Good luck to our seniors!

Performing Arts Dept Directors
Josh Hamman, Jordan Fansler, Michael Badger