

GRADES

All judges are known to vary in their estimates of scores for musical and other art pupils from 1 to 6 more C's than A's, ranging from conservative to liberal as to character; hence, the impossibility of absolute scores in these subjects. To interpret the following accurately, it would be necessary to ascertain the type of judge who had done the grading—Liberal, Average or Conservative. Please explain these facts to your Patrons.

16 more A's than C's Failing
 (See Syllabus for description of a "failed" Guild program.)

FAMILY CIRCLE RATING

More A than C Checks Passing

ROOM CIRCLE RATING

No more C than A Checks Good
 1 more C than A Checks "
 2 more C's than A's "
 3 more C's than A's "
 4 more C's than A's "
 5 more C's than A's Very Good
 6 more C's than A's " "

SCHOOL CIRCLE RATING

7 more C's than A's Excellent
 8 more C's than A's "
 10 more C's than A's "

CITYWIDE CIRCLE RATING

11 more C's than A's Excellent Plus
 12-13 more C's than A's "
 14-17 more C's than A's Superior Minus
 18-21 more C's than A's Superior
 22-27 more C's than A's "

TOP-TALENT CIRCLE RATING

(For Top-Talents only)

28 more C's than A's Superior Plus
 36 more C's than A's "
 44 (or more) more C's than A's "

HOBBYIST RATINGS

A grade Superior
 B grade Excellent
 C grade Good
 D grade Fair
 F grade Failing

Hobbyist participants (auditioning with music), are adjudicated on a "letter grade" basis. The "Circle" rating does not apply to these students.

HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR PUPILS CURRENT RATING IN GUILD AUDITIONS

The number of C and A Checks on a pupil's report card will determine his current years rating in the National Piano Playing Auditions, as follows:

FAMILY CIRCLE CURRENT RATING—means the pupil's preparation shows he is not yet ready to appear in public, but that he should find pleasure in playing the piano daily, trying always to improve his technical facilities as the golfer does his stroke so as to be able to please a wider audience, outside his family group; More A than C Checks. Fair.

ROOM CIRCLE CURRENT RATING—means the pupil's preparation shows he is prepared to appear before his fellows in his room at school, who, being held for the most part, unaccomplished in music, are therefore not critical; 1 to 6 more C's than A's. Good to Good Plus.

SCHOOL CIRCLE CURRENT RATING—means the pupil's preparation shows he is prepared to the extent that he could creditably represent his school or club in a musical program at his school. 7 to 10 more C's than A's. Excellent to Excellent Plus.

CITYWIDE CIRCLE CURRENT RATING—means the pupil's preparation shows his playing sufficiently polished or outstanding to make him a possible selectee to represent his school in a citywide or countywide concert. 11 to 27 more C's than A's. Excellent Plus to Superior.

TOP-TALENT CIRCLE CURRENT RATING—means the pupil's preparation shows he is adequately equipped musically and technically to appear before any audience anywhere, even though newspaper critics may be in the audience to herald his faults and virtues to the world. 28 (or more) more C's than A's. Superior Plus.

PIANO HOBBYIST CERTIFICATES—Students entering the auditions as piano hobbyists are graded on an A, B, C, D, and F basis. Letter grades are as follows:

A—Superior B—Excellent C—Good D—Fair F—Failing

Circle ratings do not apply to these students.

EXPLANATION

Every Piano hobbyist or professional can be included in one of the above Circle Ratings. Judges are asked to express an opinion of each pupil's preparation and his fitness to appear without discouraging results before groups that range from friendly to hostile. The Family, Room and School Circles are friendly groups before whom anyone can play without devastating results, but the City-Wide and Top-Talent Circle demand piano-playing of a higher order. Judges are therefore instructed neither to underrate nor overrate any hobbyist or professional appearing before him for adjudication. The number of C and A Checks on the pupil's report card will automatically indicate the Judge's estimate, as explained above. Six more C's than A's will permit the pupil to enter for National NFSM membership in the next classification next year.