

2023 Wayne Elementary Stars Talent Show Music Guidelines



For acts that require pre-recorded musical accompaniment, please follow the instructions below. Doing so will ensure the Talent Show preview and performance events run smoothly.

Pre-recorded Music Guidelines and Upload Deadline:

- All music must be submitted to the WES Talent Show Committee by **February 20, 2023** (no exceptions). Music submitted after this date will not be considered. Please do not submit music on the night of the Talent Show Preview or the Talent Show as this will delay the pace of the event.
- Music clips must be edited prior to submission and not longer than 90 seconds in duration. Please prepare your music in advance of filling out the online registration form.
- Only audio clips in MP3 or MP4 format will be accepted. Please use tracks with “clean” lyrics. All music submitted will be considered the final version for your act. Please edit and submit carefully.
- Please use the following naming convention for your music file: studentname_trackname.
- All prerecorded music will be uploaded in advance to a school playlist for the Talent Show Preview (scheduled for **March 2, 2023**). At the Preview check-in, we will confirm the music for each act.

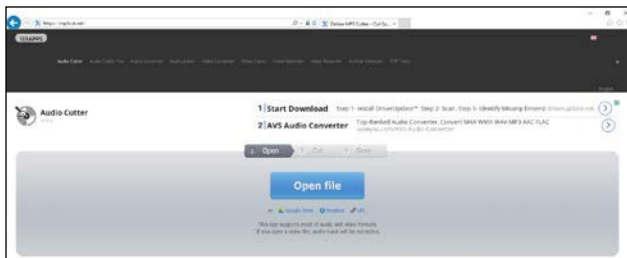
How To Edit Your Audio Music / YouTube** Files:

There are many options (software programs) to edit audio files. The instructions below are basic steps to modify a standard music file online (.mp3, .wma, .aiff, .wav, .aac, etc.). You will be following four basic steps – STEP 1- OPEN, STEP 2- CUT, STEP 3- SAVE, and STEP 4- UPLOAD. In order to complete these steps you will need the following:

1. A computer, smart phone or tablet.
2. An audio file to work with.
3. Access to the Internet.



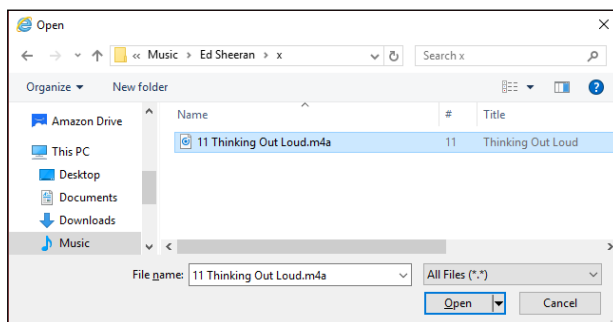
To get started, please visit the following free audio cutter website at <https://mp3cut.net/>



****NOTE FOR YouTube CLIPS:** If you have a YouTube clip you'd like to convert to .mp3 format, visit <https://getmp3.pro/> or conduct an Internet search for a similar tool. Mp3cut no longer offers the ability to convert YouTube clips to mp3 format.

Follow Four Basic Steps- OPEN, CUT, SAVE, and UPLOAD

STEP 1- OPEN: Select “Open Files” and navigate to the song \ file you need to modify. *NOTE: If the track you need is on an album, you must first import it to iTunes or another music playing software (Groove, Windows Music Player, etc).* Highlight the file name and select “Open”. The song will be uploaded to the site so it can be modified.



Once the upload has completed, it will appear on your screen (example below):



STEP 2- CUT: To mark the beginning of the song, select the blue arrow near the bottom-left and drag it to the desired starting point. After you complete this step, the song will begin playing. Here, you will get a sense if this is a good point to begin the modified version of the song. It will take some trial and error to get it just right.

To mark the end of the song, select the blue arrow near the bottom-right and drag it to the desired end point. The edited version of song should be approximately 90 seconds. Once complete, the file will look something like this:



Please make note of the following options:

- Fade In (top left) – This option allows the edited version of the song to start quietly before reaching standard volume.
- Fade Out (top right) – This option allows the edited version of the song to end gracefully by fading to lower volume before ending.
- MP3 (bottom right)– Please select this option to create the cut version of the song in MP3 format.

After you have selected your options, listen to the track to confirm your settings. Select “Cut” to create the cut version of your music (will take less than 30 seconds).

STEP 3- SAVE: Choose “Download” to save a copy to your computer. Save the file with the following naming convention: studentname_trackname (i.e. johnsmith_thinkingoutloud.mp3)

STEP 4- UPLOAD: Your file is now ready to upload to the online registration form.



- To submit your music to the WES Talent Show Committee visit the following link:
<https://form.jotform.com/80057196430151>.
- Fill out the registration form, check the option for pre-recorded music, upload your music, and sign the acknowledgements section. Once your registration form is submitted you will receive an email confirmation.

Any questions? Please contact: westalentshow@gmail.com