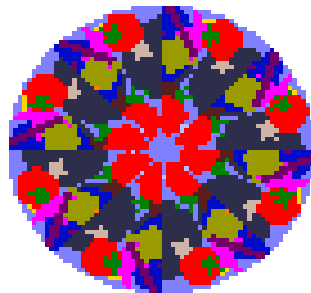


Kaleidoscope 2026

Saturday, March 28, 2026 7:00 p.m.

Produced by the Education Foundation Inc. of
Caldwell County



Dress Rehearsal, Friday March 27, 2026

Dress Rehearsal Schedule Begins 3:30 p.m.

J.E. Broyhill Civic Center

Other Important Dates

Audition form deadline Friday, January 23, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Education Foundation office.

Any school or acts received after deadline will not receive audition times.

Auditions Feb 16, 2026, J. E. Broyhill Civic Center

**ACT Audition times will be announced after application
deadline.**

A master recording will be made of the showcase; therefore, recorded music
submission **deadline for all acts using recordings is March 6, 2026**
Education Foundation office.

T-shirt logo Deadline December 12, 2025 5:00 p.m.

Education Foundation office.

Deadline for Art students' names for program

March 2, 2026 5:00 p.m. Email: kmcateer@caldwellschools.com

Education Foundation office.

Festival Passes

Tickets will be available at the Ed Center beginning February 16, 2026.

Tickets are \$5.00 adults and all children

Please Read Rules and Guidelines Before Submitting Acts

-Thank You -

- Each school may send six (6) acts to auditions. Acts including children from more than one school are exempt from this number. Additional forms for acts of multiple schools can be obtained from the Education Foundation, or sponsoring teacher may make an additional copy. If a multiple school wins in the final showcase, the sponsoring teacher submitting act will receive funding for his/her school.
- The number of students in any one act is limited to 30. The exception is if a teacher's entire class makes up an act and that class consists of more than 30 students: for example, bands, choruses and multiple classroom acts.
- Teachers sending large acts must stay with their acts during the showcase in the holding room. When acts go to staging area to perform, sponsoring teachers can quietly slip into the auditorium to watch.
- Schools are responsible for screening/selecting acts. Acts should be age appropriate. Acts that are not age appropriate will not be selected for showcase.
- **Students will audition in the attire they plan on wearing in the showcase. No exceptions.**
- Students must commit to the date and times of dress rehearsal and showcase.
- **Participants will be limited to students K-12 who attend Caldwell County public schools. The appointed school's coordinating teacher must sponsor all participants.**

All judges' decisions are final. Students making the showcase will be notified and given 1 week to accept a performance slot. If students cannot commit to dress rehearsals and showcase due to other commitments, an alternate group will be selected.

- Participant(s) form(s) must include an alphabetized listing of the students in the act with complete and correctly spelled names. The list may be written on the back of the form or on a separate attached sheet.
- Acts cannot exceed five (5) minutes, **including entry and exit.**
- Offensive humor, racial or ethnic slurs, or inappropriate language is not acceptable.
- Guns/weapons (of any kind, including toy weapons) or acts of violence are not allowed in acts.
- No live animals. The use of straw or hay for decoration purposes is strictly prohibited by the Civic Center.
- Age-appropriate attire and choice of age-appropriate music is required: for example, a kindergartener should not be wearing a bikini and singing *I Feel Like a Woman*.
- **Students can perform in more than one act if the student is in a school sponsored group. Student may not switch acts if not chosen in auditions.**
- **Acts may NOT change any part of the act if selected. Acts may not add members, exclude members or change members of the group. Acts may not change music selection, dialogue, dance or any other aspect of the selected act. If a student does NOT audition with the act due to conflict or other reasons, the student may NOT join act for showcase.**
- Students may use recorded music with background vocals only.
- Students may NOT lip-synch unless the act is truly comedy.
- Students or groups using recorded music from USB/Thumbdrive or CDs must submit their performance number on a blank USB/Thumbdrive or CD. USB/Thumbdrives with more than one number will not be accepted.
- USB/Thumbdrive or CDs should be clearly marked with the name of the song, act, and performer to ensure correct music for audition and performance.
- Directing or conducting of large groups is allowed; however, it is always better if students are responsible for directing or conducting.
- Handheld microphones and floor/instrumental microphones will be available. Lavalieres and or headsets will be available if supplied by Civic Center.
- A piano will be available.
- Risers will be available.

- For auditions, students should arrive at the Civic Center **20 minutes** before audition time. Students will report to the sign-in desk and may wait quietly in the auditorium until they are called to the staging area for their audition. Students will be called to audition three acts at a time.
- During auditions props will be brought to the back stage area 15 minutes before performance. With the help of volunteers, props will be placed on stage.
- Props may be left at the Civic Center on dress rehearsal evening for showcase on Saturday.
- Doors for showcase will open at 6:00 pm.
- **Parents will not be allowed backstage during auditions or performance.**
- **Teachers will NOT be allowed back stage during the auditions or showcase unless they are conducting or an accompanist.** If teachers are involved with large groups, they may accompany group to the staging area. Once performance is completed group and teachers will return to Room A.
- Accompanists will be given a backstage pass for auditions and showcase, but will return to Room A after performance.
- **Deadline for audition forms is January 23, 2026. Any school or acts received after deadline will not receive audition times.**