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Chase County Schools (CCS) placed fourth out of six in the Class C-1 Sate Play Production Championship in Norfolk Dec. 12. However, it tied in points with Louisville in third place.

Taking first in the competition was Malcolm, followed by Homer. Wisner-Pilger was fifth, while Ravenna was sixth.

CCS was only two points behind Malcolm in point totals.

Director Jill Bauerle said, "Of course I was disappointed to miss the first and second place spots, and I was also a bit surprised."

After finishing first at both SPVA and district competition, "Beyond Tolerance" didn't receive any first place votes from the three judges at state.

"I was disappointed with the judges' results, but not with our performance," Bauerle said.

"I could feel their energy, see their focus and everyone did a fabulous job.

"We added new movements and freezes to the ensemble and they handled it beautifully," she said

Bauerle noted that the cast received "a lot of positive feedback from adults and students alike. We rocked the ceiling!

"Our main characters 'stepped it up' another level, and I know we had our best show of the season. I am so proud of our students; on and off stage, they represented Chase County Schools impressively," she said.

Anna Bauerle, Tapainga Kahle and Jake Lueth all received acting awards at the state competition.