

MIDDLE COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AT CENTEREACH



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January 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Congratulations! Your child has indicated his/her desire to participate in the  
**Area 5 NYSSMA All-State Solo Festival** to be held at on:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Type of Festival</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Friday-Saturday April 5 &amp; 6, 2024</b>	<b>NYSSMA All-State Festival</b>  DEADLINE Wednesday, <b>January 31, 2024</b>	Port Jefferson School District Edna Louise Spear Elementary School 550 Scraggy Hill Road Port Jefferson, NY 11777

*Session will run from approximately 4:00 p.m. – 9:30 pm on Friday  
and 9am-4:30pm on Saturday.*

In order to register, please complete the attached application form and return it  
to your child's Music teacher no later than **Wednesday, January 31, 2024.**

Prior to registering your child, you should know the following information:  
NYSSMA stands for New York State School Music Association, which annually  
sponsors Solo & Ensemble Festivals throughout the State.

Participation in the Solo & Ensemble Festival is a pre-requisite for selection to  
participate in All-County Festivals, All State Festivals, All Eastern Festivals and All  
National Festivals. The purpose of the Solo & Ensemble Festival is to allow the  
student to perform in front of a certified Music Teacher/Adjudicator so they may  
receive an objective evaluation of their performance capabilities and skills.  
This evaluation not only reinforces the positive aspects of a student's  
performance, but also offers helpful suggestions for improvement and validates  
the instruction students receive in school or from private music lessons  
addressing those musical concepts inherent in quality playing.

Audition fees for the NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival are listed below.  
Please make your check or money order payable to the ***MCCSD Friends of  
Music***. Cash is acceptable.

**All-State Soloists – Grades 10 & 11 Only = \$30.00 each**

*PLEASE NOTE: ONCE STUDENTS ARE REGISTERED,  
THERE CAN BE NO REFUNDS.*

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necessary to be creative problem solvers, to achieve personal success, and to contribute responsibly in a diverse and  
dynamic world.

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Please plan to have your child scheduled to perform at any time during the festivals – Requests for specific times may not be honored due to the quantity of students participating in the festivals. If you absolutely must request a specific day for your child’s adjudication, a note of explanation must be attached to your child’s application.

Please also note that the District will not provide transportation to and from the Festivals.

Please be aware that all NYSSMA participants should:

1. Prepare the required solo piece. Be certain that the solo piece and required movements are listed in the **new NYSSMA Manual Edition 33 (July 2022)**. A manual is available at each school.
2. Memorized all required scales.
3. Provide original copies of the music – one for the adjudicator, one for the piano accompanist if piano accompaniment is used, and one for the student (if not performing from memory.) **PHOTOCOPIES ARE NOT ALLOWED** in the adjudication room.
4. Provide one’s own piano accompanists if performing an All-State audition. Only All-State, voice audition rooms, & piano rooms are guaranteed to have a piano.
5. If using an online accompaniment track, you must **DOWNLOAD** it to your device. **NO GUEST WI-FI ACCESS WILL BE AVAILABLE.**
6. Make certain that one’s instrument is in good working condition.
7. Be prepared to sight read two lines of music for the adjudicator.
8. Plan to arrive 45 minutes before the scheduled time to allow for paperwork and warm-up. You will receive your appointment time from your school music teacher several days before the festival.
9. Perform at your assigned time and room – switching is not permissible.
10. Maintain a regular practice regimen of at least 30 minutes per day in preparation for the festival.

If you have any further questions regarding the NYSSMA All-State Festival, please feel free to contact your child’s Music teacher or my office

Sincerely,

*Dr. Diana Cook*

Dr. Diana Cook

Director of Music and Fine Arts

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**NYSSMA ALL-STATE SOLO @ Port Jefferson  
STUDENT APPLICATION 2024**

*Please use a separate form and a separate check for each instrument/voice evaluation*

         Please check here if student plans to perform in more than one time spot at the same festival.  
Please list what other instrument/small ensemble(s) student will be requesting: \_\_\_\_\_

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**This form must be completed and returned to your child’s school music teacher with the appropriate fees no later than January 31, 2024.**

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Student First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Work or Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Parent E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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School Your Child Attends \_\_\_\_\_ School Music Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ **Accompanist Name (for All-State) or CD Or Midi** \_\_\_\_\_

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Instrument or Voice Category (Select voice part as per music) \_\_\_\_\_ **6 All-State**  
NYSSMA Level \_\_\_\_\_

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Solo \_\_\_\_\_ Composer/Arranger \_\_\_\_\_ NYSSMA Manual Page \_\_\_\_\_

**All-State \$30**

         Check here if you can add a much appreciated \$5 donation to the MCCSD Friends of Music.  
Your generosity is most appreciated.

Solo/Ensemble Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friends of Music Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Cash is acceptable or please make checks payable to: MCCSD Friends of Music**

**Please note: It can take 1-10 weeks for checks to be deposited.**

**All Payments Are Non-Refundable**

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Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please list siblings that are also requesting NYSSMA time(s) at this same festival:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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