

# Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools – Music Department

One Johnson Place, Woodmere, NY 11598

## NYSSMA SPRING FESTIVAL 2025 REGISTRATION FORM

The New York State School Music Association (“NYSSMA”) Festival is adjudication for the advancement of solo and ensemble skills. Students are responsible for preparing and attending the festival. Music must be chosen from the NYSSMA Manual 33, dated July 2022. **Please return this completed form to your school music teacher by the payment and form due date.** Payment of fees must be paid through RevTrak or by check payable to: District Art & Music Trust.

<u>Select</u>	<u>Festival</u>	<u>Payment &amp; Form Due</u>	<u>Festival Date</u>	<u>Festival Location</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Piano Level 1-4 (No Jazz)	January 13, 2025	March 7-8	Nassau CC	\$26.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Piano Level 5-6 (No Jazz)	January 13, 2025	March 7-8	Nassau CC	\$36.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	All Vocal Jazz & All-State Instrumental Jazz	January 24, 2025	April 25-26	Hicksville HS	\$36.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Level 1-4 Vocal/Inst & Vocal/Inst Jazz-including Jazz Piano	January 24, 2025	May 9-10	Lynbrook HS	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Level 5-6 Vocal/Inst & Vocal/Inst Jazz-including Jazz Piano	January 24, 2025	May 9-10	Lynbrook HS	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	All-State (No Jazz)	January 24, 2025	May 16-17	Malverne HS	\$36.00

### ----- NYSSMA REGISTRATION INFORMATION -----

Student Name _____	School _____	Grade _____
Music Teacher _____	Instrument/Vocal Part _____	
NYSSMA Level _____	Fee \$ _____	Title of Solo _____
Composer/Arr. _____	Manual Pg. # _____	Do you have an accompanist? _____ <small>If none: write 'N/A'</small>
Are you participating in multiple NYSSMA Performances? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

\*\*\*\*\* I understand the NYSSMA fee is non-refundable \*\*\*\*\*  
Student/Parent must own an ORIGINAL (no photocopies) of the music that is being performed.

### Payment Information

Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ RevTrak Payment Confirmation # \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Payment instructions below Payable to: District Art & Music Trust

I give permission for my child to participate in the NYSSMA festival & understand that they are responsible for preparing for and attending the festival.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Name (Print)

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Parent/Guardian Signature (Signature)

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Parent Telephone

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Parent Email

### How to pay on RevTrak:

- Go to <http://tinyurl.com/3hyb7wxv> click correct NYSSMA level
- Select grade/music teacher/school building from the drop downs
- Enter student's Last name, First name
- Add to cart, complete payment and print (attach to registration form) \*\*Repeat for other solos and/or children\*\*



## To Music Students:

Each spring, the New York State School Music Association Evaluation Festivals provide a means of objective evaluation of musical performance. This plan allows a music teacher and student to select music of a degree of difficulty suitable for a soloist or group, regardless of the school enrollment or any other arbitrary factor. Quality of performance involving tone, intonation, phrasing, rhythmic accuracy, etc. is emphasized.

Students can perform solos, duets and small ensembles for trained adjudicators in the NYSSMA model.

With six levels of music, students are encouraged to perform appropriate literature for their individual ability and skill level. It is not necessary, or even recommended, to progress at a rate of one level a year. The student's real level of ability should determine which piece (or level) is selected, not the level passed the prior year.

Students must prepare a solo listed in the **NYSSMA Manual Edition 33, effective July 2022** (located in each school building and the public library) along with scales, rudiments and sight-reading according to their level as part of their evaluation.

**All-County and LISFA:** The scores received can be used for the Nassau All-County Festival and the Long Island String Festival during the following year.

**All-State:** Students in grades 10 and 11 may compete for the New York All-State Music Festival during the NYSSMA Festival but must specifically request this type of audition on the registration form and also secure an accompanist upon registration. Students accepted in All-State may have the opportunity to perform in Rochester, NY in early December with other musicians from throughout New York State.

From past experience we also caution students in preparing more than one solo for evaluation. For some students it can be a tremendous benefit; however, for others it does not leave enough quality time to prepare multiple auditions properly.

Participating in NYSSMA can be a rewarding educational experience. The process is one that requires a great deal of individual time and effort on the part of the student and their parents. Students who decide to participate should be prepared to practice a minimum of 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week. Students who have been the most successful in the past have received private lesson instruction in addition to the school music program. In school group rotation lessons we unfortunately cannot devote adequate time to the individual NYSSMA preparation process. It can only serve as one piece of the puzzle.

For more information on NYSSMA and the organization, you can log onto their website at [www.NYSSMA.org](http://www.NYSSMA.org) or contact your music teacher.

Sincerely,

Andrew Fund, Ed.D.  
Director of Art and Music Education