

NYSSMA Festival Information – 2025

Students from **Great Neck North Middle School** will be participating in the **NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival** this spring. Please read the details carefully to help your child prepare.

Festival Locations & Dates

- **Levels 1–4**
 - **Port Washington**
 - **March 25 & 26, 2025**
- **Levels 5–6**
 - **Herricks**
 - **April 17 & 18, 2025**
- **Special Instruments**
 - **Guitar** and **Harp** will be evaluated at their designated Zone 13 locations

What to Bring

- **Two (2) original copies of the solo music**
 - One copy for the student
 - One copy for the adjudicator
- Photocopies are not allowed.
- Music may be purchased online and printed, but a printed receipt must be shown for proof of purchase and it must be the correct publication of the piece, not just a random copy.

- Your instrument (if applicable), accessories (reeds, strings, rosin, picks, etc.), and any accompaniment requirements. See your music teacher for specifics.

What to Expect

At the festival, students will:

1. Perform their **prepared solo** from the official NYSSMA Manual.
2. Play required **scales** (appropriate for their level). Piano and Instrumental only.
3. Complete a **sight-reading** exercise.

Students will receive a rating and written feedback from the adjudicator.

Reminders

- Arrive at your festival site **early** to check in.
- Make sure your music has **measures numbered** before the performance.
- Practice with your accompanist or recorded accompaniment (if required) ahead of time.

Participation in NYSSMA is a valuable opportunity to grow as a musician and receive professional feedback. We are excited for our students to represent North Middle School!