Hewlett-Woodmere Public Schools – Music Department

NYSSMA SPRING FESTIVAL 2026 REGISTRATION FORM

The NYSSMA Festival provides adjudication to help students improve solo and ensemble skills.

Select	*Festival*	*Payment & Form Due*	*Festival Date*	*Festival Location*	*Fee*
☐	Piano Level 1-4 (No Jazz)	January 21, 2026	March 6-7	Nassau CC	$26.00
☐	Piano Level 5-6 (No Jazz)	January 21, 2026	March 6-7	Nassau CC	$36.00
☐	All Instrumental Jazz Level 1-4	February 6, 2026	April 17-18	Herricks HS	$20.00
☐	All Instrumental Jazz Level 5-6	February 6, 2026	April 17-18	Herricks HS	$30.00
☐	All-State Instrumental Jazz	February 6, 2026	April 17-18	Herricks HS	$36.00
☐	Level 1-4 Instrumental/Vocal (No Jazz)	February 6, 2026	April 28-29	Woodmere Middle School	$20.00
☐	Level 5-6 Instrumental/Vocal (No Jazz)	February 6, 2026	April 28-29	Woodmere Middle School	$30.00
☐	Vocal Jazz Level 1-4	February 6, 2026	May 1-2	Syosset HS	$20.00
☐	Vocal Jazz Level 5-6	February 6, 2026	May 1-2	Syosset HS	$30.00
☐	All-State Vocal Jazz	February 6, 2026	May 1-2	Syosset HS	$36.00
☐	All-State (No Jazz)	February 6, 2026	May 15-16	East Rockaway Jr/Sr 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?** _____
If none: write 'N/A'

Are you participating in multiple NYSSMA Performances? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **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 #**_____

***Print and attach a copy of payment confirmation to this form!* ***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.***

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Parent/Guardian's Name (Print) **Parent/Guardian Signature (Signature)**

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Parent Telephone **Parent Email**

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To Music Students:

Each spring, the NYSSMA Evaluation Festivals give students a chance to be judged fairly on their musical performance. You and your teacher choose music that matches your ability, and judges focus on things like tone, intonation, phrasing, and rhythm.

Students may perform solos, duets, or small ensembles for trained NYSSMA adjudicators.

There are **six levels of music**, and you should choose the level that best fits your current skills, **not** necessarily the next level up from last year.

For your evaluation, you must prepare:

- A solo from the **NYSSMA Manual Edition 34 (2025)**
- Required **scales, rudiments, and sight-reading** for your level

Your NYSSMA score may also be used for **All-County** and **LISFA** auditions for the following year.

All-State Auditions:
Students in grades 10 and 11 can audition for the New York All-State Festival. You must request an All-State audition on the registration form and arrange for an accompanist. Students who are accepted perform in Rochester, NY in early December.

A note of caution: Preparing **more than one solo** can be helpful for some students, but for others it may divide practice time too much.

Participating in NYSSMA is rewarding but requires commitment. Students should expect to practice **at least 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week**. The most successful students usually take **private lessons**, since school lessons cannot provide enough individual preparation time.

For more information, visit **NYSSMA.org** or speak with your music teacher.

Sincerely,

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