



# SEAFORD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Patrick Kennedy, Coordinator for Fine and Applied Arts

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**To:** Seaford Music Parents and Guardians  
**From:** Dr. Patrick Kennedy, Coordinator for Fine and Applied Arts  
**RE:** 2026 NYSSMA Participation  
**Date:** January 8, 2025

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Thank you for your continued support of our music program! Please see below information for upcoming NYSSMA Festivals. If you have additional questions, please reach out or visit the NYSSMA website at [www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org), click on “parents/students” and scroll down to NYSSMA Festival Q & A.

### **FESTIVAL DATES, TIMES, & LOCATIONS**

Level/Instrument	Date	Location	Registration forms and payment due:
All-State	March 27 – 28, 2026	Division Avenue High School (Levittown)	January 30, 2026
All-State Vocal Jazz, Vocal Jazz Level 1-6, All-State Instrumental Jazz, Instrumental Jazz Level 1-6, Harp Level 1-6	May 1 – 2, 2026	Syosset High School	March 9, 2026
Vocal & Instrumental Level 1-6 (including Classical Guitar & Piano)	May 18 – 19, 2026	Wantagh Senior High School	March 16, 2026

### **NYSSMA Fees – Please make checks payable to Seaford UFSD**

Type	Fee
Instrumental (not piano) Levels 1-4	\$20.00
Instrumental (not piano) Levels 5-6	\$30.00
All-State & All-State Jazz	\$36.00
Piano Levels 1-4	\$26.00
Piano Levels 5-6	\$36.00

Students performing at any level must understand the importance of committing to this process months in advance. While the Seaford UFSD music faculty is available to provide guidance and extra support, students are expected to prepare independently for their NYSSMA performance. Please ensure that your child’s NYSSMA solo is selected from the current Digital NYSSMA Manual (Edition 34, July 2025). Your child’s school music teacher or Dr. Kennedy can assist in confirming your child’s selection. Please be aware that NYSSMA does not offer refunds, and performance times cannot be guaranteed or changed once given.

If your child is interested in participating in a NYSSMA Festival, please complete the appropriate registration form and return to your child’s music teacher by the date indicated on the form. Reach out directly to your child’s music teacher or Dr. Kennedy with any questions regarding the NYSSMA registration process. We hope to see many of our Seaford students participating in this year’s festival!