

## PROCESS AND PROCEDURES FOR NYSSMA FESTIVALS

Prepare the required solo piece. Be certain that the solo piece and required movements are listed in the NYSSMA Manual Edition 29 (July 2009). Please speak to your child's teacher if you need help with choosing.

Memorize all the required scales. (Instrumentalists only.)

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 AT THE FESTIVAL.

Make certain one's instrument is in good working condition.

Be prepared to sight read two lines of music for the adjudicator.

\*\*Plan to arrive 45 minutes before the scheduled time to allow for paperwork and warm-up. You will receive your audition time and your playing permit from your school music teacher several days before the festival. Plan with your family to be available at anytime during the Festival dates. (Please also be apprised that Friends Academy will not provide transportation to and from the Festivals.)

Perform at your assigned time and room – switching is not permissible.

If you miss your assigned time, you will not be allowed to re-schedule.

Perform on more than one instrument if desired, but do not apply for more than one adjudication on the same instrument.

Maintain a regular practice regimen of at least 30 minutes per day in preparation for the festival.

\*\* Please plan to have your child scheduled 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 sent to the Arts Office so we can submit it with your application.

Additional information regarding ALL STATE and PIANO NYSSMA

Please be aware that ALL STATE participants should:

Be aware that All State auditions are attended by 10th and 11th grade students who are interested in being considered for participation in the All State music festival the following year. Students must be recommended by their Friends Academy music teacher for this category of adjudication.

Provide one's own accompanist if performing an All State audition. Only All State and Voice audition rooms are guaranteed to have a piano.

PIANO NYSSMA participants should:

Contact Martha Regelmann for detailed information about participating in Piano NYSSMA.

If you have additional questions, please contact us or visit the NYSSMA website and [www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org)

Thank you for your interest. We hope the NYSSMA evaluation experience will be positive for your child's development as a musician!

If you have any questions please speak to your child's Friends Academy music teacher

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