

Dear middle school musicians,

This year's NYSSMA festival is very different. If you want to participate, here is what you need to do:

- Fill out the attached NYSSMA registration form and return to your teacher with a check in the appropriate amount payable to Seaford UFSD.
- Choose a solo from the NYSSMA manual (see your teacher for help with this).
- Because we have such limited time together at school, we highly recommend that you work with a private teacher.
- We will be available after school during our schedule Extra Help time to assist with NYSSMA solos and uploading for the festival. Ms. Ferguson's extra help is Wednesday in Room 134. Mr. Coacci and Ms. Sherwin's extra help is Thursday in Rooms 132 and 133, respectively.
- Please see Ms. Sherwin's website for recordings of various NYSSMA solos.
- Please see Ms. Ferguson's website for sheet music, recordings, and accompaniments for vocal NYSSMA solos levels 2-5.
- See the back of this page for a detailed description of the process after registration.

Ms. Sherwin

Ms. Ferguson

Mr. Coacci

In simple terms, how does NYSSMA work this year?
(revised January 14, 2021)

All the same rules for NYSSMA solo festivals will apply. The change is in HOW students complete the performance.

- Because the festival is virtual, students will **record and upload their performances** thru an online portal and the adjudicator will respond with comments and an evaluation.
- Students must complete a paper registration form and give to their music teacher by February 26.
- After completing the paper registration, students need to complete 4 tasks:
 1. Submit an online registration form (link to be supplied later) and upload a scanned copy of their solo
 2. Record solo and scales (wind, brass and string) or rudiments (drummers) in one video, or combine the video into a single file
 3. Upload the video
- High resolution videos should not be used. Videos can be recorded using a cell phone or computer.
- Students will need to select a piece from the current NYSSMA Manual (Ed. 32) in order to receive a rating.
- Students performing vocal solos at any level will need to have an accompaniment. These can be accompaniment tracks or your music teacher can recommend an accompanist for hire to assist in creating a recording.
- Jazz players and students interested in performing in an ensemble (duet, trio, etc.) should speak to their teacher about specific requirements.
- Piano students can use digital pianos provided they have 88 keys and weighted.
- Students requiring a Student with Disability accommodation will indicate that need when they register. Teachers will complete the Students with Disabilities form noting the accommodation requested.

Seaford Music Department
Upload during April 13 – April 20 for North Bellmore

Student Name _____ Grade _____
 School Music Teacher _____
 School _____

Instrument or voice part (flute, soprano, piano, etc)	NYSSMA Level Please circle one		Please circle one category below		
	1	2 3 4	5	6	Solo

If you chose ensemble, please list names of all members.

I have read the NYSSMA information sheet and I would like to be registered for the 2021 virtual NYSSMA Festival. Enclosed is payment for participation.

 Student Signature Parent Signature Date

**ALL FORMS AND FEES MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN
 FEBRUARY 26th! NO EXCEPTIONS!
 NO CASH! CHECK ONLY**

NYSSMA LEVEL	FEE
LEVEL 1 – 4 (instrumental, vocal and jazz)	\$16.00
LEVEL 5 – 6 (instrumental, vocal and jazz)	\$24.00
LEVEL 1 – 4 (PIANO)	\$22.00
LEVEL 5 – 6 (PIANO)	\$30.00

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: SEAFORD UFSD