

Dear Music Parent/Guardian,

The 2022 NYSSMA Festival season is soon upon us and to help inform your decision, should your child wish to participate, I have posted this year's **NYSSMA Application** form and a **NYSSMA Frequently Asked Questions** information letter on my school webpage.

Your child's school music teacher will have the NYSSMA Application forms available for distribution by the third week of January and the information will be available on my high school and middle school music and art webpage as well. Please offer your child support and inspiration to make the NYSSMA experience as rewarding as possible. The application linked above lists the various NYSSMA Festivals and when form is due back to your child's school music teacher. The FAQ link explains the various NYSSMA experiences that are available.

If your child is taking private music lessons, please contact the private teacher as soon as possible and ask for their assistance in selecting an appropriate performance piece and filling out the application. Please make sure your child's private music teacher uses the current NYSSMA Manual Edition 32 Effective July 2018 when selecting a performance piece.

Please be aware that participation in NYSSMA festivals involves a minor financial commitment as well. In addition to the registration fee, all students must have **two (2)** original copies of their solo. This music may be purchased from local music stores such as Catalano Music, Sam Ash, etc. Students using unauthorized photocopies will **NOT** be permitted to participate in the festival.

Also, important to know is that you must provide your own transportation to the festival and that audition time requests cannot be guaranteed. Afternoon time slots fall between 4pm - 6pm and evening times fall between 7pm – 9pm. A Saturday festival usually runs between 9am and 4pm depending on the host's audition registration numbers. Remember to circle only one preferred time slot on the application form.

Please send in the completed application to your child's school music teacher with a check payable to Garden City High School (cash will not be accepted). The deadline to submit the NYSSMA application and payment is **February 14, 2022**.

Sincerely,  
Nina Prasso, Ed.D.  
District Coordinator of Music and the Arts