



## MIDDLE COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT CENTEREACH

Please plan to have your child scheduled to perform 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 attached to your child's application.

Please also note that the District will not provide transportation to and from the Festivals.

Please be aware that all NYSSMA participants should:

1. Prepare the required solo piece. Be certain that the solo piece and required movements are listed in the **NYSSMA Manual Edition 32 (July 2018)**. A manual is available at each school.
2. Memorize all the required scales for your level. Be knowledgeable of Improv Requirements.
3. 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** in the adjudication room.
4. Provide one's own piano accompanists if performing an All-State audition. Only All-State, voice audition rooms, & piano rooms are guaranteed to have a piano.
5. Make certain that one's instrument is in good working condition.
6. Be prepared to sight read two lines of music for the adjudicator.
7. Plan to arrive 45 minutes before the scheduled time to allow for paperwork and warm-up. You will receive your appointment time from your school music teacher several days before the festival.
8. Perform at your assigned time and room – switching is not permissible.
9. Maintain a regular practice regimen of at least 30 minutes per day in preparation for the festival.
10. Please note the following information specifically for Jazz:
  1. Students must bring a cd/tape player as per NYSSMA manual requirements. (No cd or tape players will be available.)
  2. Students must bring guitar amps & bass guitar amps. (No amps will be available.)
  3. Students must bring their own drum set. (No drum sets will be available.)
  4. \*For all guitar students: **It is imperative that you specify classical or jazz guitar when you sign up or you may be scheduled in the wrong room.**
  5. Please note the new jazz improvisation requirements and new instrumental jazz lead trumpet audition process that were put into place by NYSSMA. You can find the specifics for these new procedures in the new NYSSMA Manual (Edition 32) on page 9-2 (Required Selections List for Lead Trumpet Skills Proficiency - All-State Only) and page 9-3 (Graded Improvisation Requirements For All Instrumental Jazz Soloists - except drum set).
  6. Check, double-check and recheck the NYSSMA manual requirements for Jazz.

If you have any further questions regarding the Jazz NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival, please feel free to contact your child's Music teacher or my office.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. I hope the NYSSMA evaluation experience will be positive for your child in his or her development as a musician!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Diana Cook  
Director of Music and Fine Arts

The mission of the MCCSD is to empower and inspire all students to apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to be creative problem solvers, to achieve personal success, and to contribute responsibly in a diverse and dynamic world.

