



# NYSSMA®

A State Unit of NAFME, National Association for Music Education

## Zone 2 Newsletter - December 2021

Happy December! What a difference a year makes. For many, that means we are once again in the hustle and bustle of the busy season. Although the pandemic continues to affect education, there seems to be a gradual return to normal. (Unfortunately that now includes new practices including students being quarantined, social distancing, ensemble spacing, PPE, etc.)

As we finish 2021, I would like to wish all of you Happy Holidays! Here is to a healthy and prosperous new year. Happy 2022!

Below please find the December 2021 Zone 2 newsletter. There is a lot of information to share.

### Change to School Participation fee:

There will be change to school participation fees that are paid to NYSSMA annually. **Fees are increasing \$25 - \$200 depending on school district enrollment.** New fees will go into effect for the 2022-2023 school year.

Size of district (in some cases school)	Current fee	2022-2023 fee
1-250	\$175.00	\$200.00
251-500	\$350.00	\$400.00
501-1000	\$525.00	\$600.00
1001-1500	\$700.00	\$800.00
1501-2500	\$875.00	\$1000.00
2501-5000	\$1050.00	\$1200.00
5001-1000	\$1225.00	\$1400.00
10001 +	\$1400.00	\$1600.00

### Spring Solo Festivals and Majors:

As of now (early December 2021) we plan to have in-person solo & ensemble festivals and major organization festivals around the Zone (and the state).

Registration for all solo & ensemble festivals will happen through [DaCapoMusicFestivals.com](http://DaCapoMusicFestivals.com) (this is the same system that was used to register students last spring). Please make sure you use the correct link (some counties are also using DaCapo - make sure you use the NYSSMA link for spring festivals).

Scott Cannan, Zone 2 Representative, 63 East Main Street, Clifton Springs, NY 14432-1102  
(S) 585-359-5267 • (H) 315-430-8984 • [Zone2@nyssma.org](mailto:Zone2@nyssma.org) • [www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org)

NYSSMA® is a registered trademark of the New York State School Music Association

The NYSSMA link for DaCapo is: <https://www.dacapomusicfestivals.com>

You will need to create a new account if you are a new teacher or changed districts. If you need to create a DaCapo account, the access code is: nyssmateacher (all one word, all lower case)

*According to DaCapo - you must use your school email address when registering. Personal email addresses will automatically get purged from the system.*

Please remember that registering a student for a conference all-state audition is a two-step process. The student needs to be registered through the DaCapo system. The teacher must also complete the All-State application on the NYSSMA website. This application will become available in January / early February.

Major Organization registration must be completed on the NYSSMA website. Applications should be available in early January. Deadline to register for most major organization festivals is March 1, 2022.

There have been no changes to the Solo / Ensemble & Major Organization Fees for 2022. The current fees are:

Solo / Small Ensemble	
Level 1-4	\$16
Level 1-4 (piano solo)	\$22
Level 5-6	\$24
Level 5-6 (piano solo)	\$30
All-State solo	\$30

Major Organization	
Levels 1-3	\$150.00 per ensemble, 30 minute evaluation
Level 4	\$180.00 per ensemble, 35 minute evaluation
Level 5-6	\$225.00 per ensemble, 45 minute evaluation

*All NYSSMA festivals will follow the COVID protocols of the host school. Information regarding this guidance will come from festival hosts in the spring.*

## **New (this could be you) and Current Adjudicators:**

Are you interested in becoming a NYSSMA adjudicator or adding a second area or jazz or majors? There will be four Adjudicator Orientation Sessions held in the spring. Applications can be found on the NYSSMA website. Deadline to apply - March 1, 2022!

<https://www.nyssma.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/AOSApplication22.pdf>

Current adjudicators - check your email later this month for the annual availability form. This will be completed electronically this year. There will be adjudicator refresher sessions held in February via Zoom. More information will be sent from the AFC coordinators in the new year.

## Area-All State Update:

Dates are set and festivals are tentatively scheduled for:  
Junior High - November 4 & 5, 2022 in Bloomfield

Senior High - November 18 & 19, 2022 in Gates-Chili

Registration for Area All-State will be completed through [DaCapoMusicFestivals.com](http://DaCapoMusicFestivals.com)  
Nominations will open in the middle of May. Application deadline will continue to be June 30, 2022.

Area All-State participation fee is \$20 per student.

## NYSSMA Manual:

There is a one-year extension on the current (yellow insert) NYSSMA Manual. We will continue to use edition 32 until June 30, 2022.

Edition 33 will become available to purchase in late spring 2022.

## Conference All-State:

Congratulations to the 39 students from Zone 2 that were selected for Conference All-State. There were also 62 alternates selected from the zone.

## NYSSMA Curriculum Committee:

The NYSSMA Curriculum Committee is looking lessons for the searchable, web-based document we are developing, *Innovative Instruction for Standards-Based Music Learning*

Dear NYSSMA Member,

The NYSSMA Curriculum Committee is beginning work on *Innovative Instruction for Standards-Based Learning* (a revised and updated version of *Music: A Resource Guide for Standards-Based Instruction*, 2002). This new document will contain instructional ideas that reflect the 2017 *New York State Learning Standards for the Arts* and will be a searchable, web-based document. In searching for a lesson that addresses specific elements (such as strand, grade level, standard, etc.), a music educator would check the appropriate box(es) on the form, which would produce appropriate lesson(s).

Clearly, for this document to be most valuable, a sufficient quantity and variety of lessons would be needed to allow a number of possibilities to be requested. As we continue developing this exciting project, we invite you to contribute to this innovative venture.

This has been an incredible year in so many ways. It's clear that teachers all over the state have developed new lessons, discovered fresh resources, and have designed so many original and creative ways to provide motivation and instruction to music students. The Curriculum Committee would love for you to use this [link](#) and submit your lesson(s) to be included in this compendium (this link can also be found on the Curriculum Committee web page at <https://www.nyssma.org/committees/curriculum-committee> ). What an incredible way for you to share your work as you connect with your colleagues throughout the state!

We are delighted to share with you this opportunity to be part of a valuable, new teacher resource that will enhance standards-based music instruction in New York State. Please contact Fred Weingarten at: [nyssmacurrcomm@gmail.com](mailto:nyssmacurrcomm@gmail.com) should you require further clarification, or if you have any questions.

## **Check your email for updates from NAFME:**

All NAFME members should be receiving two ballots in the next few months.

In January there will be a ballot for NAFME elections.

In March, there will be an electronic ballot sent out regarding proposed By-Law changes.

## **Advocating for Music Education (NYSSMA Day in Albany):**

March 7, 2022 will be the annual Joseph Sugar day in Albany. Please consider joining and advocating for music education.