



Arlington High School

NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival

January 17, 2024

Dear Music Educators:

I am pleased to announce that **Arlington High School** will be the CENTRAL and JAZZ site for the 2024 NYSSMA Zone 10 Solo & Ensemble Festival. The address for Arlington High School is 1157 State Route 55, in Lagrangeville. The festival is open to all school districts in Zone 10. At the request of the zone representative, the following districts should send their All-State students to this festival:

Arlington CSD	Spackenkill UFSD	<i>Poughkeepsie Day School</i>
Dover UFSD	<i>Dutchess Day School</i>	<i>Tabernacle Christian Academy</i>
Millbrook CSD	<i>Faith Christian Academy</i>	
Pawling CSD	<i>The Millbrook School</i>	
Poughkeepsie CSD	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes HS</i>	

Our festival will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 26th and 27th. The festival will include levels I-VI and All-State for woodwind, brass, percussion, strings, piano, voice and Jazz. **ALL Zone 10 JAZZ; Vocal, Instrumental, Drum Set & All-State must attend the Arlington HS Festival.** This will be the only Jazz site in Zone 10.

The registration deadline for our festival is March 15th at 5:00PM. Late registrations cannot be accepted. We will be using online registration at <https://www.dacapomusicfestivals.com/>. If you are unfamiliar with online registration please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Rub7d1OBqY>. Registration checks, **a single check payable to "NYSSMA"**, and a copy of your invoice should be mailed to me before the deadline. If your school will be sending a purchase order or Arts-In-Ed form, be sure to print an additional copy of the invoice for your business office and mark it 'OK to pay.' I will note the order of receipt of your payment since audition times are assigned on a "first come, first served" basis. Your application with the proper amount of fees is due six (6) weeks prior to the Festival date. Applications will not be accepted if the payment of fees postmark is after the deadline date of March 17th, 2024.

Please note that the NYSSMA fees for each audition are as follows:

Levels 1-4 = \$16

Piano = \$22

Levels 5-6 = \$24

Piano = \$30

All-State = \$30

Please share this letter with all music colleagues in your building.

Before registering your students, please do whatever you can to eliminate the need for scheduling changes. Be sure your students have checked their own calendars before requesting times, and have double checked with their accompanists. I will do my best to honor requested times, but please make it clear to your students that the requested times are not guaranteed. Traditionally, Friday is VERY popular at this festival. Students must keep both Friday and Saturday open. Thank you in advance for your extra effort in this regard.

Pianos for accompaniment will only be available in voice and all-state rooms. When registering, please include the accompanist's full name for each accompanied solo. Accompanists often accompany students from more than one district, and the schedule must be created according to their availability. Please do not bring your own keyboard to accompany students in another room. Directors must indicate if non-All- State students are desiring to use a piano accompaniment and the name of the accompanist. If the accompanist's name is not provided, it will be assumed that the student(s) will perform without one and will, accordingly, be assigned to a room without a piano.

- **Students that plan to use pre-recorded accompaniment MUST BRING THEIR OWN DEVICE AND SPEAKER, OR CD PLAYER. No speakers will be provided onsite.**
- **Students should not plan to play a pre-recorded accompaniment on their phone's internal speaker.**

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- Please make certain that you and your students make music selections based on the new NYSSMA Manual Edition 33 (July 2022 – Green & White pages) For further information please see <https://www.nyssma.org/committees/manual/>. Please be aware of rule changes (specifically regarding playing the same solo on two different instruments) and the scales and sight-reading required for each level.
- All- State forms ARE NOT MAILED. They should be completed on-line by the registration deadline. All- State registration online opens Monday, January 9.
- Timpani and bass drum are the only percussion equipment available for percussion auditions. All other percussion equipment must be supplied by the student or teacher. *(Cymbals, triangle and tambourine will be supplied for all-state sight-reading only)*
- Please make an effort to send questions and correspondence about this festival to me at krizzo@acsdny.org. Thank you in advance.

Thank you in advance for your help in making this festival successful. I look forward to serving you and your students.

Sincerely,

Kristina Rizzo
Festival Chairperson

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(Please do not send payments to Arlington High School)

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