

Dear Colleagues:

George Fischer Middle School will be hosting the south site for the 2022 NYSSMA Zone 10 Solo & Ensemble Festival. The festival is Friday and Saturday, **May 9th and May 10th**. It will include woodwind, brass, percussion, strings, voice, piano, and all-state. Carmel is **NOT** a jazz site. At the request of the zone rep, the following schools should send their All-State students to this festival:

**All Putnam County Schools, Beacon, Pawling, Wappingers**

Important Items:

1. All students must be registered by **5pm- March 28, 2025**.
2. Please send payment and complete All-State forms online by the registration date. All- State registration online opens Monday, January 6.
3. For those using Boces AIE, an administrator signed contract will be acceptable for scheduling purposes. **If your school will be sending a purchase order or Arts-In-Ed form, please be sure to print an additional copy of the invoice for your business office and mark it "OK to pay."**
4. Please make sure that you are using the most recent NYSSMA manual for selections.
5. Registration will be done using [dacapomusicfestivals.com](http://dacapomusicfestivals.com).
  - a. REGISTRATION FEES:  
Level 1-4 \$20 Level 5-6 \$30 All-State \$36  
Piano Level 1-4 \$26 Level 5-6 \$36

Please send **one check** (no personal checks! Only school checks, Booster club checks, or money orders are allowed) for your registrations payable to "NYSSMA." Mail your payment and a printout of your registration to me:

Eric Pecor  
c/o GFMS  
281 Fair Street  
Carmel, NY 10512

Scheduling will be done on a first-paid basis. Please have students check their schedules for the weekend and note of any conflicts that may arise due to siblings, multiple performances, accompanists, or other problems in the appropriate sections on DaCapo

Pianos will be available in All-State, voice, and piano rooms. There will be no other pianos available at the festival site. Students performing with a recorded accompaniment must provide their own playback device. A xylophone, bass drum, and a set of timpani will be provided on-site. All other percussion instruments must be transported to the festival.

Directors or Coordinators of Music, please share this information with members of your staff. The code phrase "Talking Plants" may be used to prove that you've read this email, when you see me at the festival. If you use the appropriate code phrase, you will be rewarded with a free snack.

Sincerely,  
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Festival Chairperson  
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