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ZONE 1 NEWSLETTER

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER
2026

ZONE 1 WEBSITE

The **Zone 1 Website** has been updated for the 26-27 school year with the most current information available! Anything in this newsletter can also be found on the website! Be sure to bookmark the site!

Communications: Please make sure have any new teachers to your district complete the: **Zone 1 Mailing List Form** to be included on future communications

AREA ALL-STATE 2026

2026 Student Participation Fee: \$30

Application Window: August 17–September 18

JH Area All-State: November 6–7, Akron HS

Brendon Bardo, general chair

SH Area All-State: November 20–21, SUNY Fredonia

Kevin Duncan, general chair

AAS Nomination Instructions

SH AAS Conductors and Repertoire

AAS DaCapo Website

AAS Application Q&A and 'Office Hour'
Wednesday, September 9– 7:30pm

UPCOMING FEES OUTLOOK

Click here (and see on the Zone 1 website!) for a look at upcoming fee increases over the next 4–5 years:

Fees Outlook 2026–2030

CONFERENCE ALL-STATE DATES/DEADLINES

8/26– School Administration letters will be mailed out

8/27– Students letters will be mailed out

9/4– Chairs will send info to students (electronically)

9/18– Registration/commitment/medical forms due

10/1– All-State Fees Due

10/14– Music sent to Students

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FOR PLANNING PURPOSES

2027 SOLO FESTIVAL CALENDAR

Event	Date	Location	Chairperson
Solo Festival (ASE, no jazz, no piano)	Apr 17, 2027	Lewiston-Porter MS	Amanda Burdick
Solo Festival (ASE, AS IJ and VJ, Piano)	April 23-24, 2027	Kenmore East HS	Jill Neuhaus
Solo Festival (ASE, Piano, no jazz)	May 7-8, 2027	Salamanca HS	Lauren Kirchner
Solo Festival (ASE, Piano, no jazz)	May 21-22, 2027	Jefferson MS (Jamestown)	Gina Wakefield
Solo Festival (No All State SE,)	June 4-5, 2027	Orchard Park MS	Brad Carson
Piano ONLY Solo Festival	Jun 5, 2027	West Seneca CSD	Charlene Brooks

2027 MAJOR ORGANIZATION FESTIVAL CALENDAR

Event	Date	Location	Chairperson
Instrumental Majors	April 21-22, 2027	Springville- Griffith Institute	Joe Gervase
Instrumental Majors	May 26, 2027	Fredonia HS	Andrew Bennett
Instrumental Majors	June 2-3, 2027	North Tonawanda HS	Sarah Roberts
Choral Majors	May 19, 2027	Lockport HS	Robert Pacillo