



NYSSMA[®] OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



NYSSMA[®] Official Announcement #1

TO: All NYSSMA[®] Members
FROM: Scott Cannan, NYSSMA[®] 2nd Vice President
RE: 2026 All-State Announcement
DATE: October, 2026

1. 2026 Conference All-State announcements/acceptances were mailed to music teachers or music department chairs or school principals of high schools with participating students on or about **August 26, 2026**.
2. 2026 Conference All-State acceptance letters were mailed to students on or about **August 27, 2026**.
3. 2026 Conference All-State acceptance emails were sent to students on or about **September 4, 2026**.
4. The postmark deadline for the return of student reservations to the appropriate All-State Chairperson was **September 18, 2026**.
5. All-State Fees are due to the NYSSMA[®] Office by **October 1, 2026**.
6. All-State music and participant information will be available for accepted students to download on or about **October 14, 2026**.

NYSSMA[®] Official Announcement #2

Anyone wishing to present Resolutions for consideration at the 2026 NYSSMA[®] Winter Conference may submit them to:

James E. Orgar - NYSSMA[®] Resolutions Committee Chairperson
160 Maywood Drive, Rochester, NY 14618-4306

Deadline: November 1, 2026

You may also appear in person at the Winter Conference Resolution Meeting to speak for your resolution—location and time TBA—but we must have the written one mailed.

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NYSSMA[®] Official Announcement #3

TO: NYSSMA[®] Membership
FROM: Scott Cannan, NYSSMA[®] 2nd Vice President
RE: Vocal Jazz Additions and Changes to NYSSMA[®] Manual

Effective July 1, 2026

Level 5 vocal jazz solos will be added to the NYSSMA[®] Manual, July 2026

Level 5 vocal jazz solos will be offered in festival season 2027

- The current level 6 vocal jazz evaluation sheet will be revised to include level 5

All vocal jazz solos beginning in festival season 2027 will use voice sight-reading, not vocal jazz sight-reading

Effective July 1, 2027

Level 4 vocal jazz solos will be added to the NYSSMA[®] Manual, July 2027

- Level 4 vocal jazz solos will be offered in festival season 2028
- Level 4 vocal jazz evaluation sheet will be created for festival season 2028

Students must attend a spring festival location that offers vocal jazz. Please refer to the spring festival calendar.