

NORTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

91 Fiddlers Lane
LATHAM, NEW YORK 12110-5349

TO: Music Students and Parents

FROM: Deborah Keough
District Music Supervisor

RE: NYSSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival:

**May 3-4 at Niskayuna High School
Level 1-6, All-State (no jazz)**

DATE: January 2024

NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) sponsors a statewide music festival each year during the spring. Students have the opportunity to perform a piece of music which is selected from the NYSSMA Manual. The music is listed in six levels according to difficulty. Students perform before an adjudicator and are evaluated on their performance.

The students receive a critique of their performance, and a grade is also given. The NYSSMA festival gives students a chance to practice auditioning, and the feedback students receive will help them to grow musically. In addition, students often use this NYSSMA rating for acceptance in performing groups outside the school district.

All Shaker HS All-State solos (except for jazz) must be registered at the Niskayuna festival. Please note that Shaker MS students are encouraged to register for the Queensbury festival on May 17-18. While families *can* choose to register their HS or elementary student for the Queensbury festival, the only site for All-State auditions and the only site with elementary and HS music teachers in attendance will be the Niskayuna festival.

Registration form & check due by March 1.

*****The earlier you register, the more likely you will get your preferred time.*****

The cost will be:

Levels 1 - 4: Solo \$16.00/student; Duet \$8.00/student

Levels 5 - 6: Solo \$24.00/student; Duet \$12.00/student

All-State: Solo \$30.00/student

Please fill out the registration form and return it to your music teacher with a check made payable to:
North Colonie Central School District

DISTRICT MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Shaker High School
445 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham, New York 12110-4697

(518) 785-5511 ext. 3354
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**NYSSMA SOLO/ENSEMBLE MUSIC FESTIVAL
STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM**

Niskayuna High School
May 3-4, 2024

Levels 1-6, All-State

Note: All Jazz solos must be performed at the Queensbury festival.

Student Name(s): _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Instrument or Voice part: _____ Music Teacher: _____

Accompanist's Name (if applicable): _____

(Please check)

Solo _____ *Duet _____ *Trio _____ *Quartet _____

**You must list all student names above for duet, trio, etc.*

Level of Music

Please circle: **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **All-State**

(Teacher can help with this information)

Preferred Audition Time: (check one)

Fri., May 3, afternoon** _____ No preference _____

Fri., May 3, evening** _____

Sat., May 4, morning _____

Sat., May 4, afternoon _____

*Check your calendar
CAREFULLY.
Requests for a schedule
change may not be able to
be accommodated.
SAT exams are May 4.*

If the audition time is required, please state the reason: _____

**** The earlier you turn this form in, the more likely you will be to receive your preferred time.
Friday audition times are very limited and difficult to obtain.**

Enclosed is a check made out to *North Colonie Central School District* in the amount of \$_____.

Registration form and money due to **your music teacher** by:

Friday, March 1