

NYSSMA Solo Festival 2024

Webster, NY – Saturday, April 27

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has expressed interest to participate in the 2024 NYSSMA Solo Festival. NYSSMA Solo Festival is an opportunity for a student to perform alone in front of an adjudicator. They will be required to:

1. Memorize Scales/Rudiments (for percussion)
2. Prepare a Solo (provided by the school)
3. Sight Read and play music given to them on the spot.

A student should only sign up if they are prepared to put in the practice required to perform at a proficient level! The adjudicator will be giving the student comments and a score based on their performance. A high score on this performance will allow your child (grades 7 – 12) to be eligible for Area All-State during the Fall of 2025.

The bulk of the preparation for NYSSMA will have to be done by the student! Your child should not sign up for this if they do not intend on putting in extra practicing sessions at home.

The amount of scales/rudiments that will need to be memorized will be based on the level of the solo:

- * 3 scales for solos levels 1 – 2
- * 7 scales for solos level 3 – 4
- * 15 scales for solos level 5 – 6

Sight-reading is the final requirement for solo festival and each student must play a small piece of music he/she has never seen before. This is a skill that we will work on before the weekend of solo festival.

The school district will provide the music for the students and bussing to and from Willink Middle School in Webster. NYSSMA requires a \$16-24 fee for each solo.

Please return the attached portion of this form and payment no later than Monday, March 11th, 2024.

Sincerely,
Ms. Sheliga, Mrs. Leno, and Mr. Jaeger