

New York State School Music Association
Fee Information

TO: Music Students/Parents/Private Teachers

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FROM: Mr. Danis, District Director of Fine Arts

This year the New York State School Music Association will hold two separate Solo and Ensemble Festivals which Burnt Hills students may attend, one for piano and the other for instrumental/vocal. The **piano** festival will be held at The College of Saint Rose Massry Center on **March 9th & 10th, 2012**. The **instrumental/vocal** will be held at Burnt Hills – Ballston Lake School on **April 20th & 21st, 2012**. Some important facts to remember and relate to your private music teacher are:

1. All participation fees are the responsibility of the students.

Instrumental/Vocal

Solo Levels 1-4:	\$14.00
Solo Levels 5, 6:	\$21.00
All-State Solo Level 6	\$26.00 (must be accompanied)
Ensemble Levels 1-4:	\$14.00 (2-7 students) <u>per ensemble; not per student</u>
Ensemble Levels 5, 6:	\$21.00 (2-7 students) <u>per ensemble; not per student</u>

Piano

Levels 1-4:	\$19.00
Levels 5, 6:	\$26.00

2. If you plan on auditioning for All-State, **please obtain the required forms from the District Fine Arts Office**. An accompanist is required if specified.
3. Arrange for your accompanist immediately! (Pianos will be available for vocal and All-State solos only.) Accompanist must be listed on application if one is being used.
4. No photo copies. Have an original copy of the solo for yourself and one for the adjudicator.

Attached is an application form. Please complete this form and return it to the District Fine Arts Office **no later than Friday, January 13th for piano, and Wednesday, February 29th for instrumental/vocal.**

Your participation fee must accompany the application. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO BH-BL SCHOOLS. Return all completed forms and checks to the Fine Arts office (high school) or to your music teacher.**

Checks made payable to another source will not be accepted.

If you are performing for rating, you must select your music from the updated NYSSMA Manual, Edition XXIX. There are copies of this manual in the middle school music office and the District Fine Arts office. Please do not ask to photocopy the NYSSMA manual as this is copywrited material.

If you wish to be considered for **next year's Area All-State Festival (November), All-County Festival or any other local festival, it is strongly recommended that you perform in the solo festival this spring.** Entrance into the Area All-State Festival is based on the previous spring's solo rating.

Information about the NYSSMA instrumental and vocal Jazz festival will be provided at a later date.