Dear Rye Neck Community,

The Music Department proudly participates in the annual NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) Music Festival. Participation for the NYSSMA music festival is voluntary. It is an opportunity for your child to perform for an adjudicator and receive a score with written feedback.

The latest NYSSMA® Manual Edition 33 is effective as of July 2022. Please make sure your child's music selection is listed in the current manual.

If your child is interested in participating, please complete the appropriate form below which contains information about location, dates and payment. Families with more than one child interested in participating should fill out a separate form for each child.

Eligibility Requirements

The Rye Neck Music Department adheres to the following NYSSMA/WCSMA rules:

• Students who would like to participate in the NYSSMA music festival are recommended to take private music lessons or practice independently.
• Students who wish to participate must have the approval of their school music teacher in order to be eligible for auditions/festivals at the state and county level.
• Students must attend school daily in Rye Neck.
• Students must be an active performing member in good standing (with a minimum class attendance of 50% for the year) and their music audition should correlate to the participating music program (Band, Chorus, and Strings). Piano and guitar (classical/jazz) students are exempt from this requirement as there are no music programs offered for those instruments.

All applications received will be submitted by the Rye Neck Music Department staff and not private teachers. Students who score well at the NYSSMA/WCSMA Spring Evaluations who wish to be considered for All-County, Area All-State or All-State Festivals must be enrolled in the school Band, Chorus, or String group the following school year (in the fall of 2024).

Registration forms and a nonrefundable check, made payable to "Rye Neck UFSD".

Sincerely,

The Rye Neck Music Department

NYSSMA Sign up Forms

Strings (Levels 1 - IV), Harp and Classical Guitar	Band, Strings (Levels 5 & 6), & Voice	Piano
Deadline: Friday February 9, 2024	Deadline: Friday March 1, 2024	Deadline: Friday April 12, 2024