

ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest Registration

Please note: registration fees cannot be refunded for any reason.

ISSMA takes place on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at Fairfield High School throughout the entire day. Participating students prepare vocal or piano solos, and/or vocal ensembles to perform in the month of February. Then on that Saturday they will stand in front of a judge at an assigned performance time and sing for family and friends and the judge! Students will then be awarded a I, II, or III place medal for their performance. They are not competing with anyone. They are rated on a rubric consisting of aspects of good vocal technique. They will also receive the judge's written comments about their performance. This is an excellent learning opportunity for the brave of heart. We suggest beginning in an ensemble, but many of our students dare to tackle a solo and do very well if they prepare at home.

We will help students find music for their vocal solos if they do not have a voice teacher. Piano teachers will help their students in the selection and preparation of the piano solos. Ensemble music is selected by the directors.

All vocal solos must be prepared by the student on their own at home. They will receive a rehearsal CD and a copy of the music to practice with. 2 weeks or so before ISSMA they will begin to practice with Mrs. Armington or the accompanist of their choice. Ensembles will also be meeting during RaFt to put parts together and finishing touches on their selections.

*Ensembles at this age should consist of 18 – 20 students. If your son or daughter would like to be in an ensemble please sign below. We will not collect payment until we see that there will be a sufficient number of students signing up. Each ensemble member will then be asked to submit the \$5 registration fee. We will assume that the fee will be paid if they submit an entry form signed by their parent.

To register for ISSMA here are this year's fees:

Vocal Solos: \$15 + accompanist fee \$15 = \$30. Accompanists will meet with soloists 2 or 3 times and play for them at contest. If Mrs. Armington plays for you, the money will be placed in the choir fund for choir needs. If you get your own accompanist, the cost is only \$15 for the entry fee alone.

Piano Solos: \$15 (You must have a piano teacher and be currently taking lessons.)

Ensembles: \$5 (*Please do not submit payment until registration has been completed. See above.)

ISSMA registrations accepted between now and 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28th. Checks should be made out to NMS.

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Choir period _____
Parent Signature _____

I would like to register for the following:

_____ Vocal Solo + you need an accompanist (\$30)

Do you have a voice teacher? Yes/No

Who is it? _____

If you do have a teacher I will need this info:

Song Title? _____ Book that it is in? _____

_____ Vocal Solo (you will provide your own accompanist) (\$15)

Do you have a voice teacher? Yes/No

Who is it? _____

If you do have a teacher I will need this info

Song Title? _____ Book that it is in? _____

_____ Piano Solo (\$15) What division does your piano teacher wish to enter you? I II III IV V (circle one)

_____ I wish to be in an ensemble. I am committed to the practice, and performance day requirements for ISSMA 2018 Ensembles. I will pay the \$5 registration fee when we are registered as a 18 – 20 member ensemble.

Students may sign up for one piano solo, one vocal solo, and one vocal ensemble only.

Students please remind me of your past ISSMA experience below. If you have gone to ISSMA before, what did you do? What rating (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place) did you receive? This will help me place you in the correct Division.

