



ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival February 7th, 2026
Additional Performance March 14, 2025 at the Nelson's and Notes Fundraiser.
November 21 - Permission slip and Fees are due

The I.S.S.M.A. Solo and Ensemble Contest is an opportunity for students in both middle school and high school bands to grow as musicians by performing as a soloist or in a small ensemble of three or more students.

All students are HIGHLY encouraged to participate in this event as it is both educational and fun. Every event will be performed for a judge and evaluated to receive a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal. The Gold medal is the top honor that a student can earn. **This event is the single most beneficial musical activity your student can participate in.**

Ensemble Cost: \$10 per person

Solo Cost: \$18

This includes your medal and adjudication results.

November 21st: Permission Slip Due

Performance times are TBA (morning to early afternoon)

Accompanists: Soloists are highly encouraged to use a piano accompanist. ISSMA feels it is important that soloists use accompanists. The accompanist provides professional support for the student during their performance as well as enriches the experience for the soloist and everyone listening. The value of having an accompanist ensures that students are able to perform with the best possible support and understanding of tempo and style. As students progress, upper level events require the use of an accompanist and students may earn their way to the State Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Finding an Accompanist and Fees: Students are welcome to find their own accompanist or Mr. Day can help you. Fee's are anywhere from \$30-\$80 and are dictated by the difficulty of the music and accompanist.



Tips for success!

It is HIGHLY recommended that everyone take at least one event (Solos are easier logistically) to contest. It is also recommended that you NOT take more than one solo *and* one ensemble. You can take more with the director's approval. All learning for solo and ensemble contests will be outside of class. Please work with the directors and more experienced musicians.

Solos: Practice your solo daily until contest day.

Ensembles: As a group, practice at least once a week until contest day. Practice your individual part daily. One person will be the leader of the group and organize everyone's schedule to make sure practices happen weekly. The ensemble will be named after the leader of the group. *All members of an ensemble must be in the same instrument family (Brass, Woodwinds, or Percussion).*

Keep this paper.



ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest Permission - February 7th, 2026

I hereby give my permission for my son/daughter to participate in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Contest. I understand that once my son/daughter has enrolled in an ensemble, he/she is committed to every student in the ensemble. Ensembles are not allowed to perform without all members present. I understand that transportation is our responsibility. I also understand that once contest fees are paid I cannot receive a refund if my child does not participate. I have read and understood the above information. Payment is due with this form and more information is available on the band website.

Checks payable to Morgan Township Band

Student Name (print neatly): _____

Circle One or both: Solo or Ensemble

If Solo, put instrument: _____

If an Ensemble, put event type (i.e. Saxophone quartet, flute trio): _____

If an Ensemble, please list all members of the group and instrument they will play: (Note: each person of the ensemble must turn in a permission slip and money)

Parent Name: _____

Total Amount due (solos are \$18 ensembles are \$10): _____

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Parent Signature: _____

Turn this paper and money in to Mr. Day by November 21st