

## **THEORY EXAM LEVELS III - XII ACHIEVEMENT IN MUSIC (AIM) CHECKLIST**

As teachers, we are constantly looking for more efficient tools to improve our teaching and to encourage students in their understanding of music theory and in performing more musically. We believe that the ISTMA Achievement in Music (AIM) Program can help us achieve these goals.

All teachers entering students in the AIM examinations **MUST** be members of MTNA and ISMTA and are expected to volunteer their time with the exams as requested by the NWSMTA AIM Committee. Parent letters, Harper maps and general information sheets are available at meetings and on the [www.nwsmta.org](http://www.nwsmta.org) website. You may wish to send these sources of information home with your students to explain the exam.

- **NO EXAM will be made up except for illness.**
- Advise parents of the exam dates far in advance. **If a student cannot play on the date set for the exam because of a previous commitment, DO NOT REGISTER that student.**
- **TIME REQUESTS** (“A.M.” from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and “P.M.” from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.) will be considered, but **NOT** guaranteed. **ABSOLUTELY NO CHANGES** can be made once the scheduling is completed.

This checklist will make enrolling students easier. Please follow the directions carefully.

### **AIM THEORY EXAM LEVELS III – XII**

\_\_\_\_\_ Read the AIM Syllabus carefully.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check the Yearbook or NWSMTA website ([www.nwsmta.org](http://www.nwsmta.org)) for the date of the Theory Exams (Levels III-XII), the entry deadline, and the name of the Theory Co-Chairperson to whom entries should be submitted.

\_\_\_\_\_ Every student entering Level III-XII is required to take a theory exam. A passing grade on this theory exam is required in order to take the performance examination at the same level.

\_\_\_\_\_ Send the following materials to the Theory III-XII Co-chair by the event’s deadline:

- Two (2) copies of the Levels III-XII Exam Enrollment Form which is found in the NWSMTA Guidebook or on the [www.nwsmta.org](http://www.nwsmta.org) website.
  
- One (1) check, payable to NWSMTA to cover the fees for all Level III-XII students. **The FEE is \$17.00 per student.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Remind students in Levels IV and above to take music (original) for transposition to exam. NO PHOTOCOPIES OR WORKBOOK PAGES ARE ALLOWED.** Check to see that ALL measures are numbered. Any student examined without music will receive a written evaluation, but no numerical score. The exam will be marked “Incomplete” and NO pin will be awarded.

*(AIM Awards Information on back side)*

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### **AIM AWARDS FROM NWSMTA AND ISMTA**

AIM awards are given to students to recognize effort and achievement. It is also hoped that these awards will offer additional incentive for students capable of taking the upper level examinations and increase participation.

- The first time that the student participates successfully, regardless of level, he or she will receive an award medal with a ribbon. The colorful award pins which are received for successful completion of every theory level may be displayed on the medal's ribbon.
- Those students who complete Level VIII with passing scores for both theory and performance will be given a music dictionary from NWSMTA.
- Those students in Levels IX – XII who attain an average score of 80 or above, (that is, the average of the theory and performance examination scores) will be awarded a monetary gift from NWSMTA in the following amounts:  
Level IX - \$20.00      Level X - \$25.00      Levels XI and XII - \$30.00
- In addition, ISMTA recognizes students who complete Level IX or above with an average score on theory and performance of 80 or above. No previous entry in the AIM exams is required. The first time a student qualifies, he/she will receive a plaque. In subsequent years, a metal plate to attach to the plaque will be provided.