**AIM LEVELS III – IV Theory Exam 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 required to volunteer their time with the exams as requested by the NWSMTA AIM Committee. If a teacher cannot help on the day of exams, a substitute who is willing and qualified to judge AIM exams must be arranged for by that teacher and approved by the AIM Committee.** *If no qualified sub is arranged for by the teacher, the teacher must pay $100, in advance, to hire a sub found by the Co-Chairs*. Parent letters, Harper maps and general information sheets are available at meetings and on the www.nwsmta.org website. You may wish to send these sources of information to parents.

* **NO EXAM will be made up except for illness**.
* Advise parents of the exam dates far in advance. **Ifstudent cannot play on the date set for**

 **the exam because of a previous commitment, DO NOT REGISTER that student.**

* **TIME REQUESTS** (“A.M.” from 8:30 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 – IV**

\_\_\_\_\_Read the AIM Syllabus carefully.

\_\_\_\_\_Check the Yearbook or NWSMTA website (www.nwsmta.org) for the date of the Exams (Levels I-II complete and III – IV theory only), the entry deadline, and the name of the Theory Co-Chair to whom check should be sent (and registrations submitted, if mailed.)

\_\_\_\_\_Every student entering Level III – IV is required to take a theory exam. A passing grade on this theory exam of 65 or higher is required in order to take the performance examination at the same level.

\_\_\_\_Complete the following forms through the online registration:

* Teacher Work Requirement Form (must be completed before the student enrollment)
* Student Enrollment Form

\_\_\_\_ Send to the AIM III-IV Theory Coordinator listed in the Yearbook and NWSMTA website, One (1) check, payable to NWSMTA, to cover the fees for all Level III – IV students.

 **The FEE is $20.00 per student.**

\_\_\_\_\_**Remind students in Level IV to take music (original music or original AIM workbook, if using Workbook example) for transposition to the exam.** NO PHOTOCOPIES OF MUSIC OR WORKBOOK PAGES ARE ALLOWED. Any student examined without original music (or original Workbook) will receive a written evaluation, but no numerical score. The exam will be marked “Incomplete” and NO pin will be awarded.

**AIM AWARDS FROM NWSMTA AND ISMTA**

AIM awards are given to passing students to recognize effort and achievement. 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.

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