

Performance Exam Rules

- Students should take the exam at the level, which corresponds, to their level of development, to be determined by their teacher.
- **To assure confidentiality during exams, the students will be assigned a number.**
- Students may take their first performance exam at any level, may repeat levels and may skip levels, as recommended by their teacher.
- **Memorization is required for all scales arpeggios and solo pieces. except sonatas in levels 7 -10 and etudes at any level**
- No etude or piece may be presented for exam more than once, unless one of the exams was for "Comments Only", or the student is taking the same level exam a second time.
- The completed examiners' forms will be sent directly to the teacher. The examiner's decision is final.
- Teachers are asked to distribute the evaluation forms and discuss the comments with the student.
- Publishers are listed for reference -most works are available from several publishers.
- Photocopies are not allowed unless the music is out of print. If the student uses unauthorized copies, he/she will receive the examiner's comments but no grade and no certificate.

Examiners and Monitors

- There will be one examiner per room, carefully selected by the ASTA with NSOA Certificate Program Committee or NC Certificate Program Chair. This person will be an experienced and respected teacher of the instrument he/she will be to be judging.
- The monitors will be the teachers whose students are participating in the Performance Exams as well as older students. They will also assist with registration and running the exams. The examiners and monitors will provide a positive atmosphere to assure that participation will be a pleasant experience for all students.

Application Fees: Teachers collect all fees and application forms, and make out one check payable to ASTA with NSOA of their state

Levels

- Foundation-3 \$25
- Levels 4-6 \$30
- Levels 7-8 \$35
- Levels 9-10 \$40

Eligibility

The Certificate Program is available to students, preschool through adult.

Students must currently study with a teacher who is a member or associate member of ASTA with NSOA of the state where they are taking the exam.

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