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## Michigan Music Teachers Association

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Dear Parents:

The following information is an overview of the Student Achievement Testing program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call your teacher.

### WHAT IS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT TESTING?

The Student Achievement Testing program is a voluntary project of the Michigan Music Teachers Association through its various Local Associations throughout the state. Testing is available in the areas of Piano, Strings, Woodwinds, and Voice. Each division is tested in five different areas:

PERFORMANCE of three memorized pieces of different musical styles.

WRITTEN THEORY

SIGHT READING/TRANSPOSITION: Playing/singing new music at "sight" and playing music other than in the written key signature.

TECHNIQUE: Scales, chords, intervals etc. as appropriate to the given instrument/voice.

AURAL AWARENESS: Hearing and identifying intervals, scales, and rhythms.

These five elements represent basic musicianship and are divided into skill levels so every student through high school can find a goal that is appropriate for his/her age and length of study. All requirements are published in the Student Achievement Testing Handbook.

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE ACHIEVEMENT TESTING PROGRAM?

Any school age student studying with a teacher who is a member of Michigan Music Teachers Association may participate in the program.

### WHEN AND WHERE DOES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT TESTING TAKE PLACE?

Student Achievement Testing takes place in the spring each year, usually during the month of March depending upon the local site, and SAT centers are located throughout the state. Each center is affiliated with a Local MMTA Association. Teachers, along with dedicated workers, voluntarily administer the tests.

### IS THERE A FEE?

Yes, there is a fee required to participate in the program each year. This fee covers the cost of the test and curriculum printing, rental of facilities and equipment, performance judges, and certificates/trophies.

### WHY SHOULD A STUDENT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM?

Growth realized in preparing for the Student Achievement Tests is invaluable. The program offers the same kind of motivation for learning and recognition for achievement that students obtain for other parts of their education. It encourages a sense of accomplishment in meeting goals while developing commitment and self-discipline.

Sincerely,

MICHIGAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION