



How Trinity Exams Work

NMA is the only authorized TRINITY testing center in Illinois and is authorized to register only the current NMA students.

1. Teacher recommends level and appropriate registration deadline (December or May)
2. Teacher recommends appropriate book published by TCL (these books will need to be shown to the judges (placed in front of the camera) before the student starts playing).
 - Hard copies can be found on Amazon, and you can also download e-books from the TCL website
3. Exams are only digital, i.e. video submissions. NOTE: entire exam must be recorded in one shot.
4. Recording Location: Students can record the exam at home or at NMA during their lesson. If the students don't have a full keyboard with weighted keys, they are welcome to rent the room at NMA.
5. The recording must be discussed with the teacher during the lesson, and we strongly recommend you follow the teacher's advice about which recording to submit.
6. Requirements: These exams are very demanding and a passing grade is 60%. It is not infrequent for a student to fail this exam. Parents, please make sure that the student can commit to the required amount of practice hours in order to pass the exam successfully.
7. There is a required minimum lesson time for each level. The required minimum lesson time applies from the 1st quarter:
 - Levels 1-2 30 min
 - Levels 3-5 45 min
 - Levels 6-7 60 min
 - Level 8 75 min
8. For students combining 2 levels, the teacher will make determination about the minimum lesson length requirement.

How the registration works:

1. Submit the exam fee to NMA by the deadline: Dec 20, 2024, or May 23, 2025.
2. NMA will register the student with TCL and students will receive an email from TCL with the link where they can upload the video.
3. Students will have 28 from the receipt of the TCL link to upload the video. However, make sure that the exam is ready to be submitted by the registration deadline.
4. TCL will email the certificates directly to the parents. It takes up to 6 weeks to get the results of the exam.
5. All certificates are digital, but you can order a hard copy for an additional fee.

6. Fees per level (paid by cash, check or credit card; no additional charges for credit card payments):

- Initial level: \$105
- Level 1: \$125
- Level 2: \$145
- Level 3: \$155
- Level 4: \$165
- Level 5: \$185
- Level 6: \$200
- Level 7: \$215
- Level 8: \$260