



NATIONAL MUSIC THEORY HONOR ROLL EXAMS

NMA is the only school in the State of Illinois offering these exams

These music theory exams allow each student who earns the score of 90% or higher to be listed on the National Music Theory Honor Roll List. The National Music Theory Honor Roll List is published twice per year: in May and September, and all participating students receive certificates. All NMA students are encouraged to participate. Students who are not enrolled with NMA are also welcome to take the exam at NMA.

The exams have 7 levels and will be held twice per year on NMA premises. There will be 1 student per room during the exams. KITS, the exam publisher, requires the exams be done in person and there are no on-line options. NMA is a very safe environment, using exceptional measures to protect the students and the teachers from COVID-19. The list of NMA safety precautions, found on our home page, includes machines that kill air-borne viruses, floor to ceiling clear shower curtains as a physical barrier between students and teachers, and regular and thorough sanitizing.

These very demanding exams are of great value in college applications and job search, and they are similar to Illinois State Exams. In addition to music theory knowledge, the students must show the ability to play scales on an instrument, such as piano, guitar, or violin.

- Who can participate:** all NMA instrumental and voice students, as well as students not enrolled with NMA
- this is an especially great opportunity for students who are not eligible to take IL State Exams, such as **guitar, drums, ukulele, and group piano, violin and voice students**
 - Please note that the biggest obstacle to these exams is the requirement to play numerous scales on the higher levels and to read bass clef;
 - Drum students would need to play the scales on another instrument such as piano, guitar or violin
 - since there are numerous similarities between **AIM Piano Exams** and these theory exams, students taking Piano AIM are especially encouraged to participate
 - AIM piano students can skip levels; students taking **AIM Piano Exams Levels 9 and up** can just take the highest level exam – they know most of the scales required on the highest level

Can the student retake the exam: yes, the student can retake the same exam until they reach the desired score, or they can move to the next level and try to achieve a better score



- Age Limit:** No age limit
- Exam Dates:** Spring Exams: April 10, 2022; Summer Exams: July 24, 2022
- Fee:** \$37 per exam per student payable by credit card, check or cash; there is an additional charge of \$6 for each theory books, which you can purchase on Amazon
- Registration:** For spring exams by **March 10, 2022; for summer exams by June 20, 2022**
- Awards:** Students receive the certificate of participation, medal and are listed on the National Music Theory Honor Roll List if they receive the score of 90% or higher
- Refunds:** Refunds offered for cancellations by March 20, 2022, for Spring Exams, and July 5, 2022, for Summer Exams.
- To Register:** Please fill out the registration form found on NMA web site and contact NMA to make the payment