

Achievement in Music Examinations (AIM)

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Illinois State Music Teacher Association Exam

What are the benefits of taking AIM examinations?

These exams enhance musicianship, develop performance confidence, and can make a significant difference in college application process. Universities give advantage to the students with extensive, relevant and successful track record in extracurricular activities.

AIM exams are demanding and require daily instrument practice and theory study. The goal is for students to have a positive experience, and feel rewarded for their dedication and diligent work. Students receive a certificate for successful completion of the theory and the performance exams.

Class Structure

Due to the extensive and complex nature of violin AIM exams, they are prepared in individual lessons only. There is no extra charge, and regular tuition rates apply.

Deadlines

Please inform your teacher about your intention to take the exam as soon as possible. Early preparation is the key to good scores. Signup deadlines are usually in early spring. NMA will send e-mails to all violin students to let them know when the sign up starts.

Violin Exam Dates for academic year 2017-2018:

- This exam is usually held in the first part of May. We will let you know as soon as we know the exact date.
- Sign up deadline: at least a month before the exam.

Are there any age limitations?

There is no age limit for violin AIM.

Who are the NMA teachers participating in AIM exam preparation?

Individual violin lessons: Ms. Myra Hinrichs.

How are the exams structured?

AIM examinations are divided by level and content. There are specific technique, theory, and repertoire requirements for each level. Both the theory portion and the performance portion of the exam are done on the same day. Please consult your teacher about the exam level which would be most appropriate for your child.

Where are the AIM violin examinations held?

The location is still not determined but it will be somewhere in our area. You will receive the exam time and location information from your teacher. Usually, we know the exam times about a week ahead.

Who adjudicates the examinations?

Members of Music Teacher National Association in our area are the adjudicators at AIM examinations, and they are experienced teachers and adjudicators.

Are there any extra fees for AIM examinations and materials?

Yes, there is a participation fee of \$15 per student per exam, and this fee covers both the theory and the performance portion of the exam. The fees are due at registration, payable in check made out to NMA or cash. There is an additional cost for the books and students will be able to purchase those through NMA.

How do I sign up?

You will be signing up with your teacher directly. NMA facilitates the organization of this program, but an individual teacher needs to be a member of MTNA in order to enter the students into the AIM exams. The fees are payable in cash or check made out to NMA.

Please let us know if we can provide further clarifications.

*Talk with your teacher at your earliest convenience to set everything up and order the materials.
The sooner you sign up the greater the chance of the student's success at the examinations.*