Important Student Achievement Testing Updates

The Assessment and Audition Committee has determined four updates for the Student Achievement Test for the 2026 test.

1. For levels 1-12 of the technique test: the removal of all required articulations, dynamics and two note slurs (when applicable). All other bullet points will remain for easier administration of the test. Abbreviations HS/HT, BR/BL will be typed out as Hands Separately, Hands Together, Broken and Blocked.

2. For levels 1-12 of the Aural Awareness Test: the test will no longer include a melody playback. The rest of the Aural Awareness Test will be in the same format with a different distribution of the current 10 points.

3. For levels 6-12 of the Performance requirements: the Impressionistic period will be combined with the Romantic Period. The handbook currently has the Impressionistic period combined with the Twentieth and Twenty-First Century. Students at level 11 will be required to play a piece from the Romantic or Impressionistic Period. Students at level 12 will be required to play a piece from the Twentieth or Twenty First Century.

4. For levels 1A, 1B and 2: the theory test will include larger staves for easier writing. This may increase pages and printing but it will not affect the length of the test.