

VMTA Theory, Skills, and Sightreading Tests

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Guidelines: VMTA Yearbook

Syllabus: Theory: On VMTA Website
Skills/Sightreading: On VMTA Website, or order from Fay Barss

Application Forms: RMTA Yearbook Event Application Forms section, or on RMTA Website

Fees: **\$12.00** per test (Each student may take only 1 test level per year. Students may skip levels if the teacher feels a student is able.)
(Check payable to RMTA)

Postmark Deadline: Sunday, **February 12**
(any application received AFTER the postmark deadline WILL NOT be accepted. Please make sure application is correct before submission.)

Theory Test Event Date: Sunday, **March 12**

- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Singleton Center for the Performing Arts and James Black Music Center
- Times will be scheduled once applications are received. All testing times will be the afternoon of testing day.

SR/Skills Event Date: Sunday, **March 26**

- Rhapsody Piano and Guitar
- Times for Sightreading and Keyboard skills tests are individually scheduled and will be e-mailed to participating teachers.

Teacher responsibility

All teachers entering students in the VMTA Theory, Skills, and Sightreading Tests must be available for monitoring or volunteering between the hours of **12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** on the day of the testing (on each day). The theory and skills/sightreading chairs will make specific assignments after receiving the applications by the postmark deadline. If a teacher absolutely cannot be available on the testing day, a substitute who is knowledgeable must be found. The substitute must be approved by the theory chair and listed on the form located in the Event Application Forms section. **Students of teachers who do not follow these guidelines will not be allowed to take the test.**

Additional Information

Theory grading will occur AFTER theory day and will be completed within 1 week. We will secure volunteers/graders prior to testing with a set of guidelines and procedures. Our proctors/monitors and parents will receive a guideline for the day to help things run smoothly.