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**ABSTRACT**

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The Band 5-12: NYSSMA Solo Curriculum Guide is an annotated guide to the New York State School Music Association *Manual of Graded Solo & Ensemble Music*. The version of the manual referenced became effective July 1, 2009. When updates are made to this version, the information in this curriculum guide may be adjusted accordingly. The main *New York State Standards for the Arts* that are addressed in this document are “Standard 1: Creating, Performing, and Participating in the Arts” and “Standard 2: Knowing and Using Arts Materials and Resources”.

As the title suggests, this CAP is geared for music teachers who teach band students in grades five through twelve. The goal is to assist the district’s band teachers to make informed literature choices, which will help them to differentiate their instruction to meet their individual students’ needs. The district will have the actual solos available for teachers to peruse and assign to their students. The main purpose is to give teachers guidance in narrowing down the multitude of solos that are available for each instrument at each level of difficulty.

**RATIONALE**

The writers of this CAP have evaluated, compiled, and cataloged a list of quality solo materials from the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) manual. In addition to this catalog, each school will be provided with copies of each solo listed and described in this guide. As a result, band directors will have this resource available when choosing music for their weekly lessons and for the annual NYSSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival. This NYSSMA Guide will allow band teachers to differentiate instruction through the use of high quality music literature at the elementary and secondary levels. By having a list of solo materials that have been evaluated for their instructional and musical quality, teachers will be able to make more informed repertoire decisions when consulting the NYSSMA Manual.

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