

GMTA THEORY TESTS INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

Georgia Music Teachers Association is dedicated to providing recognition for achievement in the study of music theory. GMTA offers its members an opportunity for their students to participate in annual theory tests and earn one or more of the following recognitions:

Score Designation

100 Outstanding Theorist with Honors 90-99 Outstanding Theorist

80-89 Excellence in Theory

70-79 Achievement in Theory

Participating students who achieve the above distinctions will have their names published on GMTA's website. GMTA is not offering certificates for these tests, but Local Associations may choose to print them for students.

The theory tests are offered at 12 levels that get progressively more difficult. You can download the entire theory curriculum/study guide from the theory test page on GMTA's website:

[http:// www.georgiamta.org/studentActivities/Theory/GMTA Theory Tests](http://www.georgiamta.org/studentActivities/Theory/GMTA%20Theory%20Tests)

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SECTION A: LOGISTICS

Testing Date(s), Location, & Time: Each local association may select one or more dates to administer the theory tests locally. The GMTA Theory Tests Administrator will mail the tests for the fall to the local associations by October 1st. The deadline for local associations to return completed fall tests to the **GMTA Theory Chair, Diane Boyd** for grading is December 1st. (Check GMTA's website for the most updated calendar information.)

Application Deadline: See GMTA calendar. Teachers will pay online when you register your students on GMTA's website.

Teacher Eligibility: MTNA, GMTA, & Local Association dues must be paid by the local association's application deadline or as required by the local association, whichever is earlier. Application Form: Applications are completed online on GMTA's website. Click on "Student Activities" and then click on the "Theory" link for the most up-to-date Theory Test information.

SECTION B: ELIGIBILITY

GMTA Theory Tests are open to any student currently studying with a GMTA member in good standing, regardless of age, school grade, etc.

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SECTION C: GENERAL REGULATIONS & INFORMATION

1. The GMTA website (www.georgiamta.org) is the official source for all information pertaining to the administration of GMTA's Theory Tests.
2. The GMTA Theory Tests are only offered through participating local associations, and LAs may offer the tests as often as practicable.
3. The GMTA Auditions General Rules and Regulations state that application fees are non-refundable.
4. Teachers and students should understand that the actual tests will be based on the published GMTA theory curriculum and will not necessarily be limited to the type and number of sample questions provided on GMTA's website or on past years' tests.
5. Local Association requirements:
 - a. Designate one member who will be present at all its administrations of the theory tests in a testing year, e.g., 2019-2020, and should strive, if possible, to create a consistent and similar testing experience at each of its test administrations.
 - b. Report the dates of each theory test administration in advance to the GMTA Executive Director and GMTA Theory Test Administrator.
6. Test Logistics
 - a. No copies of the test may be made available to teachers or students until after all participating Local Associations have administered the tests (March 15), except for those persons who administer the tests.
 - b. Each student must be given a minimum of 60 minutes, but no more than 75 minutes, to complete the Written part of the test. This time is in addition to the time set aside for the Aural part of the test.
 - c. Students are responsible for providing their own pencils at the exams and may not bring any study aids into the testing area.
 - d. An approved scratch paper form will be included with the theory tests, and a sample form can be downloaded from the theory section of GMTA's website. Local Associations must provide enough copies for each student taking the tests. The scratch paper will include empty staves, a picture representation of a keyboard, and blank space. If students use the scratch paper, they must write their names on it and turn it in with their tests. Nothing on the scratch paper will count either towards or against a student's grade.
 - e. Students may take more than one level in a given year, e.g., 2019-2020, but they may not take more than one level at any single administration of the tests. In other words, a student may not take more than one level on one day. Each test/level a student takes requires a separate application and fee.
 - f. A teacher may enter a student on any level at any test administration. A student may repeat a level, go back to a different level or skip levels as the teacher chooses.
 - g. As always, it is important for students to read the instructions carefully to be sure they understand what is being asked, even if the instructions initially appear to resemble an instruction on past years' tests.

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Registration deadline for fall tests—Oct 1, 2024

Postmark deadline for Local Association to mail completed tests to GMTA Theory Chair
—December 1, 2024

Registration deadline for spring tests—Jan 15, 2025

Postmark deadline for Local Association to mail complete tests to GMTA Theory Chair
—March 16, 2025

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