

Virtual State S&E MPA: March 23 - April 11, 2026

The FBA Board and State S&E Coordinator have agreed to provide a Virtual platform for qualified State Solo entries and State Ensemble entries on a trial basis for 2026.

Some of the reasons for offering a Virtual option are:

- 1 - Having to release Adjudicators due to low entry numbers at any of the secured sites.
- 2 - Cost and logistics of travel for Directors needing to secure buses for travel to any particular site.
- 3 - Avoiding Spring Break issues or other school calendar conflicts when needing to travel to an "Out of Zone" site.
- 4 - Eliminates the issues with Accompanist bailing out at the last minute due to travel or time spent away from other piano students.
- 5 - Helps reduce the overall time spent at a live site due to the number of entries from one school.
- 6 - Eliminates issues with the length of solo events.
- 7 - Makes it more likely to schedule events with an Instrument specific Adjudicator.

How it will work:

- 1 - Enter ONLY Solo events and/or Ensemble events under the VIRTUAL S&E link on MPA.
- 2 - Decide and indicate the date (between March 23 and April 11) you plan to record those S&E events and upload to the server. (This is being done in the same manner as All State Auditions). More specific information will be posted concerning this item.
- 3 - Can a mixture of entries between a live site (s) and virtual be entered. YES.
- 4 - An entry can request to meet with their adjudicator following their recorded performance and rating being posted.
- 5 - Jazz Bands and Auxiliary events will still be LIVE at one of the secured sites.
- 6 - Jazz Bands will be scheduled in Blocks similar to State Concert Band MPA, and will be followed by a short Clinic provided by a fourth adjudicator or one of the three from the Adjudication panel.
- 7 - Auxiliary events will be scheduled as before at all sites and in extra space when possible (the Seminole HS site will have two gyms available).

NOTE: It will not be necessary to "Request to Perform Out of Assigned Zone" for this year as Spring Break for most of the State is March 16 - 20. All North, Central, and South sites are available to select from.