

ARIZONA STUDY PROGRAM

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The following decisions were made by the ASP committee on September 24 and approved by the ASMTA board on October 1.

1. The new vocal program will be piloted this year in Levels 1-4. It is based on the premises that: 1) this is a vocal program with a strong basis in theory and keyboard skills, 2) interest is in developing the singer as a complete musician, and 3) the current recommendation is for a 12-level program. The vocal program will include keyboard technique, theory, solfege singing and/or scale number singing, sight reading, and repertoire. Minor changes will be made in the theory workbooks and technique pages to reflect vocal terminology and skills. Please contact Joy Baber if you want to be a part of this exciting new program.
2. The following advanced repertoire options will be piloted this year:
 - A. Advanced students, levels 9-12, may replace ONE of their usual repertoire pieces with a *memorized* group of pieces (minimum of 3) from a larger work by a composer. Pieces must be chosen from the **required list** and include, within the chosen opus, a variety of tempo, meter, texture, etc., within the chosen opus. The length must also be considered to remain within the evaluation time limit. The **required** list is on the ASMTA website.
 - B. Level 11-12 students may choose a Bach Prelude **and** Fugue listed in an earlier level. The complete P & F will count as their Baroque piece at their level.
3. Clarification was again given to evaluations requirements.
 - A. A complete piece or movement of a sonata or sonatina must be prepared. The exposition alone, or any other form of cutting, does not meet the requirements.
 - B. Although teachers may teach technique differently, the required technique skills listed for the student's level must be prepared.
4. Based on careful research, it was decided that students will receive the James Anthony Award only when they complete 12A in their senior year. It was Dr. Anthony's original intent that students continue their study throughout high school. Students completing level 12A before or after their senior year will continue to receive a trophy and certificate. As in previous years, the Arnold Bullock college scholarship will continue to be awarded only to students who have received the James Anthony Award.