

**Andover USD 385
Piano Festival
Saturday, March 8, 2025**

Dear Piano Students and Parents,

The annual Andover USD 385 Piano Festival will be **Saturday, March 8, 2025** at Andover Central High School, 603 East Central. The Festival is for **all piano students of USD 385** and is sponsored by the USD 385 elementary music teachers. Out of district students are welcome to perform also.

Festival participants should currently be taking piano lessons and *have had at least three months* of lessons. Students should have one memorized selection prepared for the festival. Suggested guidelines for Festival Selections include:

- Solos from performance books from a piano series
- Pre-classical solos or Classical solos
- Contrasting solos (if two selections are played)
- **Total playing time should be not more than four minutes.** Repeats should be avoided in solos more than three minutes long. Playing could be stopped after four minutes.

It is the responsibility of the student to provide an original copy of the memorized selection, with the measures numbered, for the festival adjudicator. Photocopied music will not be allowed. Participants will receive written comments from the adjudicator as well as a certificate. Practice rooms for warming up will be available to festival participants.

The completed **enrollment form and entry fee** must be to **Prairie Creek Elementary no later than Friday, February 14th**. The Festival entry fee is \$10.00 for in district students, \$15.00 for out of district students and \$20.00 for all late entries. ***CLARIFICATION FOR THIS: If your student does NOT attend an Andover Public School you are out of district. Living in Andover does not qualify you.*** Please make checks payable to Andover Piano Festival. Entries received after Friday, February 14th will be late. Entries received after Monday, March 3rd, will not be accepted. Entries may be brought to Prairie Creek or mailed to the address below. Please be sure to list any preference or conflicts on your form. This helps avoid scheduling problems later.

Questions should be directed to Becky Routh routhb@usd385.org or by calling 461-6277 (evenings, home). We look forward to meeting you and hearing your children perform on March 8th.

Musically yours,

Becky Routh, Festival Chairman
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