

## AIM Voice Exam Academic Year 2015-2016

Dear Colleagues,

I am excited that a few of our ISMTA members are interested in AIM Voice exam this year. This is the update on how the exams will be conducted this academic year, while we are working on revising the 2001 syllabus, currently in use. We will still be using the 2001 syllabus, but we also made several changes effective this year. The fully revised syllabus will be finished in the summer of 2016 and ready to be used in the academic year 2016-2017.

We will be using current syllabus for new Levels 3-8, which, in the current 2001 syllabus are labeled as pre-syllabus to Level 5. Levels 1 and 2, which are new this year, will be fully developed and ready to use by January 15, 2016.

Here are the changes effective immediately:

1. **Age Limit**

Youngest age of participants now is 11, not 13 as in the past.

2. **Levels**

There will be no pre-syllabus, we start with Level 1 and go up to Level 8. Levels 1 and 2 are new. This year, we are changing the level numbers found in 2001 syllabus and below is the chart of new levels. We will make sure the levels are clearly defined on each form.

**Levels Chart**

<b><u>NEW:</u></b>	<b><u>OLD (from 2001 syllabus)</u></b>
Level 1	-
Level 2	-
Level 3	Pre-syllabus
Level 4	Level 1
Level 5	Level 2
Level 6	Level 3
Level 7	Level 4
Level 8	Level 5

3. **Exam prep materials**

- New requirements for Levels 1 and 2 will be ready by January 15, 2016.
- Students entering levels 3-8, please use current syllabus for exam prep.
- Students will only have to pass theory exam in the level in which they will take the performance exam. There will be no need to pass all lower level theory exams before taking the desired level theory and performance exams.

4. **Repertoire change requests**

Please e-mail me with any requests and I would be more than happy to go over the selections.

I will have application forms ready by Jan 15, 2016. Please let me know ahead of time what levels you will be planning to enter. The exams will be e-mailed to you a week before the exam date.

Please let me know if you have any questions and comments. I look forward to getting Voice AIM off the ground!

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