All Diplomas may include Special Recognition:

Instrument-Specific Diplomas recognize high achievement in performance of a particular instrument or voice, when a student has satisfied the ECMS Level 5 departmental jury requirements with a grade of B+ or higher in the senior year. This enhancement can be appended to any diploma: Diploma in Piano, Advanced Diploma in Jazz Guitar, etc. Keyboard Theory for Pianists is required of candidates for a Diploma in Piano.

The ECMS Diploma with Honors may be awarded in Instrumental or Vocal Performance to students who have passed all diploma requirements, attained level 6 in a departmental jury prior to their senior year, and, upon recommendation of their departmental jury, performed a satisfactory interdepartmental Honors jury in January. Finally, they must play a solo Honors recital the following spring.

The ECMS Diploma with Honors in Theory

may be awarded to students who have fulfilled all diploma requirements, have attained a level in their academic work commensurate with the Pre-Collegiate Diploma in Music Theory, have passed an interdepartmental Honors Jury, and delivered a public lecture on their topic of choice.

Certificates

Awarded at Annual Commencement & Awards Ceremony

The Certificate of Advanced Achievement in Performance recognizes the attainment of ECMS Level 6 in a departmental jury, and may be granted upon the recommendation of the jury. This certificate is generally appended to the Diploma, but it may also be awarded to exceptional students who have studied with us for at least two years, performed in ECMS recitals, and taken annual juries, but who are not pursuing the diploma course.

The Certificate of Advanced Achievement in Music Theory may be awarded upon earning straight A's in an enriched course of study, comprising at least four years of classwork as prescribed by the Theory department. This certificate may also be awarded to students who have not pursued all mandated private lessons, performance and ensemble requirements for the Diploma.

The ECMS Dean's List recognizes students who receive an A in all activities, including lessons and at least two other classes or ensembles in a given year.

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Diploma Program

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musical training
including
private instruction,
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coursework.



For students in grades 7 and up and adults

General Requirements

THE ECMS DIPLOMA

- 1. Private instrumental or voice lessons
 Students must be enrolled in private lessons at
 ECMS continuously for at least two (2) years
 leading up to the granting of the Diploma.
- 2. Examinations or Juries
 Students must play a jury or exam at the end of each year of private study.
- Performances
 Student must perform on ECMS solo recitals and/or studio events, at least twice each year of private study.
- 4. *Music Theory*Students must complete at least two (2) music theory courses at ECMS.
- Music History
 Students must complete one (1) music history course at ECMS.
- 6. Keyboard Proficiency
 All students must demonstrate keyboard proficiency. To fulfill this requirement, students may either:
 - enroll in the ECMS Diploma Piano Class, or
 - Test out by taking a piano exam by the end of their junior year.
- 7. Ensemble Participation

One (1) year of ensemble participation is required for the Diploma. ECMS offers myriad options, including, but not limited to:

- Like-instrument ensembles
- Collaborative Piano Class
- Chamber Music
- Jazz Performance Workshops
- Chorus

Enhancements

ADVANCED DIPLOMA

- 1. Private instrumental or voice lessons:
 Students must be enrolled in private lessons at ECMS continuously for at least three (3) years leading up to the granting of the Diploma.
- 2. Examinations or Juries
- 3. Performances
- 4. *Music Theory*Students must complete at least four (4) music theory courses at ECMS.
- 5. Music History
- 6. Keyboard Proficiency
- 7. Ensemble Participation
 Two (2) years of ensemble participation at
 ECMS is required for the Advanced Diploma.

The ECMS Advanced Diploma in Music Theory may be awarded upon completion of all requirements of the ECMS Advanced Diploma, taking a prescribed 5-course Theory Curriculum and a Theory Project in place of #4 above.

PRE-COLLEGIATE DIPLOMA

- 1. Private instrumental or voice lessons:
 Students must be enrolled in private lessons at ECMS continuously for at least four (4) years leading up to the granting of the Diploma.
- 2. Examinations or Juries
- 3. Performances
- 4. Music Theory
 Students must complete at least six (6) music theory courses at ECMS.
- 5. Music History
- 6. Keyboard Proficiency
- 7. Ensemble Participation
 Three (3) years of ensemble participation at
 ECMS is required for the Pre-Collegiate Diploma.

The Pre-Collegiate Diploma in Music Theory is awarded upon completion of all requirements of the ECMS Pre-Collegiate Diploma, taking a prescribed 7-course Theory Curriculum and a Theory Project in place of #4 above.

How to Enroll in the Diploma Program:

Students in Grades 7 and up and adult students may enroll online or by phone:

www.esm.rochester.edu/community/diplomas (585) 274-1400

For Guidance in Choosing Coursework:

Studio teachers serve as primary advisors.
Students may also freely seek counsel from ECMS Department Chairpersons, as well as the Associate Dean.