Festival & Sinfonia Audition Material

Woodwind & Brass – Scales & Etudes

*Please see the Alabama Bandmasters Association’s High School All-State Scale and Etude requirements released on August 1. They can be found here or on their website: https://www.myamea.org/aba/. The number of scales and arpeggios required by the AOA will be reduced to those scales and arpeggios listed below. Scales should be from memory and performed at the suggested tempo of MM quarter note = 120. Students should use the scale sheet provided by the ABA to ensure you are playing the correct octave(s) and range.

AOA will require the following major scales and arpeggios from the ABA scale sheet:

D Major and Db Major

The AOA will require the following minor scales and arpeggios from the ABA scale sheet:

C harmonic minor & A melodic minor

We will also require the chromatic scale that is specified for your instrument from the ABA scale sheet.

Wind & Brass students should also prepare the technical etude listed for their instrument in the ABA All-State Audition packet, as well as the orchestral excerpts for their instrument provided in the AOA Dropbox folder.

Percussion Scales & Etudes

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SNARE DRUM

Percussion students will complete the requirements for each instrument before moving to the next instrument. Students should complete the snare drum material in the following order:

+ Required rudiments
+ Prepared etude
+ AOA orchestral excerpts

MALLETS

Next, students should move to the mallet instrument, performing in this order:

+ D Major and Db Major scales
+ C harmonic minor & A melodic minor scales
+ Chromatic scale performed A-A, 2 octaves with alternate sticking
+ No etude required for mallets
+ AOA orchestral excerpts

TIMPANI

Finally, students should audition in timpani in the following order:

+ Required rudiments
+ Prepared etude
+ AOA orchestral excerpts

Orchestral excerpts can be found in the AOA Dropbox Folder.