

**2023 All-State Middle School Jazz Band Audition Procedures (Guitar, Bass, and Piano)**

U Monitors are reminded that they are only to give instructions and run the computer. They are NOT to stop or correct a student for playing the wrong exercise, incorrect scale or pattern.

U When the student enters the room they should verify that this student is currently in the correct grade.

U Proceed with the audition by Checking levels.

U Don't forget to export the file to an MP3 check before the student leaves the room.

**Please read the script exactly as it appears.**

V MP3 Off Read this exactly as it appears: **"I will first ask you to play the prepared exercises. You will then have the option to improv by playing two choruses of "Fast Blues" in B flat with the CD. The audition will conclude with sight-reading."**

Take the audition card from the student. It contains the band, instrument and audition code number. You will record it to the MP3. (for example: Jazz Band Piano Number 123456)

U MP3 ON **"Middle School Jazz Band instrument Number code"**

V MP3 Pause **"The first prepared exercise is the swing etude as published in the FBA All-State Requirements"**

U MP3 ON **"Play your swing etude"**

V MP3 Pause After the exercise has been played, then read: **"The second prepared exercise is the bossa nova etude as published in the FBA All-State Requirements"**

U MP3 ON **"Play your bossa nova etude"**

V MP3 Pause Response A (the student will improv): Read: **"Next you will perform your improv. When the CD is started you will hear an A tuning note and you should check your pitch against that note. You will then hear the count off - one, two, three four, and then you will improvise by playing two choruses of "Fast Blues" in B flat.**

**OR** Response B (the student will not improv): Read: **"Wait please, while we make an announcement on the MP3."**

U MP3 ON Response A: Read: **"Begin your improv after tuning."** Start CD with tuning note & B flat Blues.

**OR** Response B (the student will not improv): Read: **"Student chooses not to perform optional improv."**

V MP3 Pause **"You now have 30 seconds to study the sight-reading exercise. On cue from me you will play the exercise."** Place the sight-reading on the students stand and say: **"begin your 30 seconds"**  
(Monitors are reminded that they are not to assist students with tempo, style or rhythm.)

U MP3 ON **"Play your sight-reading exercise"**

V MP3 STOP After the sight-reading has been played, then read: **"Thank You, your audition is over."**

**UPLOAD** 1. Click **"Stop and Finish"**. 2. Click **"OK"** to let MPAOnline know you are completely done with the audition. 3. Spotcheck the recording. 4. Click **"Save the MP3 file to your computer"**. 5. Click the button that says **"Upload Audition To Server"** then 6. click **"Reset for the Next Student"**.