2023 All-State Middle School Jazz Band Audition Procedures (Saxes)

> 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 perform the prepared etudes. Then you will be asked to perform the chromatic scale, and then the 7 published major scales, all according to the FBA All-State Requirements. You are reminded that you will have 2 minutes to perform all 7 of the published major scales. All scales are to be played from memory. You will then have the option of improvising 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 Alto Sax 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   After the exercise has been played, then read: **"Next, you will perform your chromatic scale according to the FBA All State Requirements"**

u MP3 ON   **"Play your chromatic scale"**

v MP3 Pause   After the chromatic scale has been played, then read: **"Next, you will perform the 7 major scales according to the FBA all-state requirements. I remind you that you have 2 minutes to perform the scales."**

u MP3 ON   **"Play your 7 major scales according to the FBA All-State Requirements"**
*(Monitors will start their stop watch on the 1st note of the 1st scale played. In the event the student is still performing the required scales after the 2 minute period has elapsed the monitor will interrupt and announce "**TIME**" at which time the recording should be stopped.)*

v MP3 Pause   After the previous section has been completed, the auditioner should determine whether or not the student wishes to perform the optional improv and then read response "A" or "B" whichever is appropriate.
Response A (the student will improv): Read: <u>**"When the recording is started you will hear a Bb tuning note followed by an A tuning note. 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.**</u>

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

u MP3 ON   <u>**Response A** (the student will improv): Read: **"Begin your optional improv after tuning."**</u>
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 now"**
(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"**.