

Florida Bandmasters Association

2026 ALL-STATE CONCERT BAND AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

(For the 9th and 10th grade All-State Band – auditioning in September of 2025 for the January 2026 FMEA Conference)

WOODWIND

1. All-State Concert Band membership rules and regulations:

- The student must be in the ninth or tenth grade.
- The decision of the selection committee is final.
- Only instruments listed on the All-State Application or in the 2026 All-State Concert Band Requirements printed in the handbook may audition.
- String Bass students should audition through the Florida Orchestra Association and must be a member of the band or orchestra program at their school.
- The student must be a member of the band program at their school and have their name submitted on the proper All-State Application form. The Application form must be typed and signed by the band director and principal. The Application form must be submitted by the proper deadline date as set by the District.
- The band director must be a member of FBA/FMEA by September 1, 2025.
- Students selected for any of the All-State groups must bring their own music stand, instrument, band uniform, etc.

2. All-State Concert Band Audition Requirements for Woodwinds:

When the student enters the room, he/she will be asked to perform:

- The specific prepared exercises** for their instrument(s) as listed in the All-State Concert Band Audition Requirements. Note the suggested tempi.
- A chromatic scale**, (in 45 seconds or less) from memory, covering the range for their instrument (as given in the All-State Concert Band Audition Requirements.) The scale will be performed in even sixteenth notes. A suggested tempo is MM $\text{♩} = 100$. The scale will be tongued ascending and slurred descending. Scale is to be memorized.
- Twelve major scales**, (in 2:30 minutes or less) from memory, complete with arpeggios, at a minimum tempo of MM $\text{♩} = 120$. Scales are to be performed within the limits of the listed range (see page 2) and performed in complete octaves (starting and ending with tonic pitches). Students who wish to play 2nd and 3rd octave scales may do so within their specific instrument's range. The scale pattern is: $\text{♩} \text{♩} \text{♩} \text{♩} \text{♩} \text{♩}$. The arpeggio pattern is: $\text{♩} \text{♩} \text{♩} \text{♩}$. The scales will be tongued ascending and slurred descending where applicable. Scales will be performed in the “circle of fourths”, starting with the concert key of: C, F, B \flat , E \flat , A \flat , D \flat , G \flat , B, E, A, D, G.
- A short sight-reading exercise(s)** to demonstrate the student's reading ability. The student will have thirty seconds to study the piece before playing it.

2026 All-State Concert Band (9th and 10th grade) Prepared Exercises

Play the entire exercise unless specific measures are indicated.

<p>Piccolo; Chromatic: 2½ octaves from E\flat to B\flat pg. 32, #11; all, top line, quarter note = 76</p> <p><u>Rubank Advanced Method Volume II</u> All Piccolo students MUST also audition on Flute. Their Flute audition will determine membership in the band and the Piccolo double will be determined by the Piccolo audition. The Piccolo audition will contain the chromatic scale and the above exercise – no other scales and no sight-reading.</p>	<p>E\flat Clarinet; Chromatic: 3 octaves from E Exercise: pg. 62, #6; m. 21 - end, quarter note = 84</p> <p><u>Melodious & Progressive Studies Book I, by David Hite</u> All E\flat Clarinet students must audition on B\flat Clarinet. Their B\flat audition will determine membership in the band and the E\flat double will be determined by the E\flat audition. The E\flat audition will contain the chromatic scale and the above exercise – no other scales and no sight-reading.</p>
<p>Flute; Chromatic: 3 octaves from C Lyrical Exercise: pg. 31, #10; top line, m. 1-20, no repeat, quarter note = 69 Technical Exercise: pg. 54, #12; all, quarter note = 120</p> <p><u>Rubank Advanced Method Volume II</u></p>	<p>B\flat Clarinet; Chromatic: 3 octaves from E Lyrical Exercise: pg. 11, #18; beginning - m. 24 (end on eighth rest), quarter note = 80 Technical Exercise: pg. 56, #24; m. 42 (a tempo) - end, quarter note = 104</p> <p><u>Melodious & Progressive Studies Book I, by David Hite</u></p>
<p>Oboe; Chromatic: 2 octaves from D Lyrical Exercise: pg. 57, #26; all, quarter note = 60 Technical Exercise: pg. 49, #7; all, quarter note = 88</p> <p><u>Rubank Advanced Method Volume II</u></p>	<p>E\flat Contra Alto, B\flat Contra Bass Clarinet; Chromatic: 2 octaves from E Lyrical Exercise: pg. 44 #19; bottom line, m. 21-40 +1 note, quarter note = 72 Technical Exercise: pg. 37, #14; meas. 1-17; bottom; quarter note = 120</p> <p><u>Rubank Advanced Method Volume II (for clarinet)</u></p>
<p>English Horn; Chromatic: 2 octaves from D Exercise: pg. 34, #14; top line, m. 1-30 + 1 note, quarter note = 72</p> <p><u>Rubank Advanced Method Volume II</u> All English Horn students must audition on Oboe. Their Oboe audition will determine membership in the band and the English Horn double will be determined by the English Horn audition. The English Horn audition will contain the chromatic scale and the above exercise – no other scales and no sight-reading.</p>	<p>Soprano Saxophone; Chromatic: 2 octaves from F Exercise: pg. 49, #6; all, dotted quarter note = 112</p> <p><u>Rubank Advanced Method Volume II</u> All Soprano Saxophone students must audition on alto saxophone. Their Alto audition will determine membership in the band and the Soprano double will be determined by the Soprano audition. The Soprano audition will contain the chromatic scale and the above exercise – no other scales and no sight-reading.</p>
<p>Bassoon; Chromatic: 3 octaves from B\flat Lyrical Exercise: pg. 44 “Langsam”; m. 1 - 12, no repeat, quarter note = 72 Technical Exercise: pg. 122-123, #15; m. 30 - 61, no repeats; dotted half note = 60</p> <p><u>Weissenborn Method For Bassoon, New Enlarged Edition, Publisher: Carl Fischer</u></p>	<p>Alto Saxophone; Chromatic: 2 octaves from F Lyrical Exercise: pg. 40; #19; top line, beginning -17 + 1 note, quarter note = 72 Technical Exercise: pg. 51, #13; quarter note = 92</p> <p><u>Rubank Advanced Method Volume II</u></p>
<p>Contra Bassoon; Chromatic: 2 ½ octaves B\flat to F Exercise: pg. 40, Moderato assai (3rd line), m. 1-24, quarter note = 92</p> <p><u>Weissenborn Method For Bassoon, New Enlarged Edition, Publisher: Carl Fischer</u> All Contra Bassoon students must audition on Bassoon. Their Bassoon audition will determine membership in the band and the Contra double will be determined by the Contra audition. The Contra audition will contain the chromatic scale and the above exercise – no other scales and no sight-reading.</p>	<p>Tenor Saxophone; Chromatic: 2 octaves from F Lyrical Exercise: pg. 32, #12; top line, m. 1 - 18, no repeat, quarter = 76 Technical Exercise: pg. 23-24, #4; top line, beginning - m. 31 + 1 note, no repeats, quarter note = 96</p> <p><u>Rubank Advanced Method Volume II (use saxophone book)</u></p> <p>Bari Saxophone; Chromatic: 2 octaves from F Lyrical Exercise: pg. 53, #17; all, quarter note = 76 Technical Exercise: pg. 38, #18; top line, m. 1 - 27 + 1 note, quarter note = 112</p> <p><u>Rubank Advanced Method Volume II (use saxophone book)</u></p>

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2026 ALL-STATE **CONCERT BAND** SCALE LIMITS

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The image displays musical staves for various instruments, illustrating the required scale limits. The instruments listed are:

- Flute
- Oboe
- Bassoon
- Clarinet in B \flat
- Bass & Contra Bass Clarinet
- Alto Sax
- Tenor Sax
- Baritone Sax
- Trumpet in B \flat
- Horn in F
- Trombone Euphonium
- Bass Trombone
- Tuba

Each instrument's staff shows a starting pitch (indicated by a flat symbol) and an ending pitch (indicated by a sharp symbol), connected by a diagonal line representing the scale range. The staves are arranged in two groups: the first group includes Flute through Baritone Sax, and the second group includes Trumpet in B \flat through Tuba.

1. The required 12 major scales must be performed within the limits of the listed range and performed in complete octaves (*starting & ending with tonic pitches*).

2. Additional octaves "beyond" or "outside" of the designated ranges listed of the required 12 major scales will not be scored.

3. Percussionists should perform all major scales 2 octaves.