

**LABAMA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION
ALL-STATE JAZZ BAND
PROCEDURES and INFORMATION 2021-22**

RECORDING PROCEDURES

All-State Jazz Auditions

Once the director has registered students online, the Jazz Chair will send a Google Drive link to upload registered students' recordings to their school's audition folder.

No CDs will be accepted for auditions.

All audition recordings should be in high quality mp3 format (NOT .m4a, wav, .mov, .aiff, etc).

Auditions should be recorded live with no special editing or effects. Do not speak on the recordings.

Send a recording with only ONE track. You can combine your mp3 recordings into one file with software such as Audacity (download for free at audacityteam.org) or Garage Band.

Each student's recording should be in one mp3 file, labeled as follows.

FirstName_LastName_instrument

Example: John_Doe_alto sax Sally_Jones_piano

Recordings containing multiple tracks will be returned to the director. Be sure you send recordings with one track that includes ALL of the student's audition requirements.

The order of items on the recording for wind players, guitar, bass, vibraphone, and piano should be:

Scales (played in the order listed)

Etude

Play-A-Long tunes (played in the order listed)

The order of items on the recording for drum set players should be:

Patterns (played in the order listed)

Etude

Play-A-Long tunes (played in the order listed)

Once recordings are completed, submit all recordings to the Google Drive folder created by the Jazz Education Division. The school folder will be sent to the director after they have registered students using the email provided in the registration.

Google Drive school folders will be sent out no later than November. 2, 2021.

Play-a-Long Backtracks

Audition Backtracks have been added to the 'member's only' section of the Alaband.org website to make sure students move from one play-a-long to the next more easily. Please review each individual instrument's audition procedures to ensure students perform with the correct track. In cases where there are two play-a-long backtracks, practice tracks have been provided in the **Practice files** folder.

Backtracks are provided at the following links:

[High School Backtracks](#)

[Middle School Backtracks](#)

The sheet music is available from the following sources:

All instruments except drumset:

Volume 54: Maiden Voyage by Jamey Aebersold. New Albany, IN: Jamey Aebersold Jazz. ISBN: 635621000544. www.jazzbooks.com.

Drumset:

Jazz Conception: Drums by Jim Snidero. Germany: Advance Music. ISBN: 805095147292. www.alfred.com.

*Your music dealer should be able to acquire any play-a-long books for your students.

PAYMENT

Band Directors should mail one registration fee check, made payable to the ABA Jazz Education Chair at the following address:

Ben Posey
ABA Jazz Education Chair
6055 Flemming Parkway
Hoover, AL 35244

The audition fee is \$15.00 per student along with the school fee of \$20.00 per school. After completing the registration form, a receipt will be sent to the director. Directors should send the total amount from the invoice as one (1) check to the ABA Jazz Chairman. These fees must be postmarked no later than November 1, 2021.

Students who are chosen for the All-State Jazz Bands will be informed the first week of December and will pay a \$50.00 per student registration/participation fee before they can attend the event. Directors of accepted students should inform the Jazz Education Chair of their decision by **December 15, 2021** to receive practice music files for their students or allow time to invite alternates to attend the event.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us!

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AUDITION CHECKLIST FOR DIRECTORS

- Download individual audition information from the Alaband.org and purchase any books from your local music dealer or from the sources listed above.
- Be sure your students, private instructors, and parents have all needed materials and information.
- Complete the All-State Jazz Band Audition Registration form by 11:59 PM on November 1, 2021.
- Have your Registration Payment postmarked no later than November 1, 2021.
- Review the Recording Procedures at the beginning of this document.
- Upload your students' recordings to your school's Google Drive folder by 11:59 PM on November 15, 2021.