

Alabama All-State Jazz Band Audition Requirements 2025-2026
Middle School Band
Alto Saxophone

1. Scales (10 Points Total - 1 point for each Scale, 1 point for each Arpeggio)

Students should perform the following scales and arpeggios as shown on the second page of this document and through the ABA website. Scales should be played in a SWING STYLE in the order listed below. Each scale and arpeggio listed are in CONCERT PITCH.

Bb Major Scale
Bb Major Arpeggio
Bb Blues Scale
Eb Major Scale
Eb Major Arpeggio
Eb Blues Scale
C Dorian Scale
C Dorian Arpeggio
F Blues Scale
F Minor Pentatonic Scale

2. Etude (40 Points)

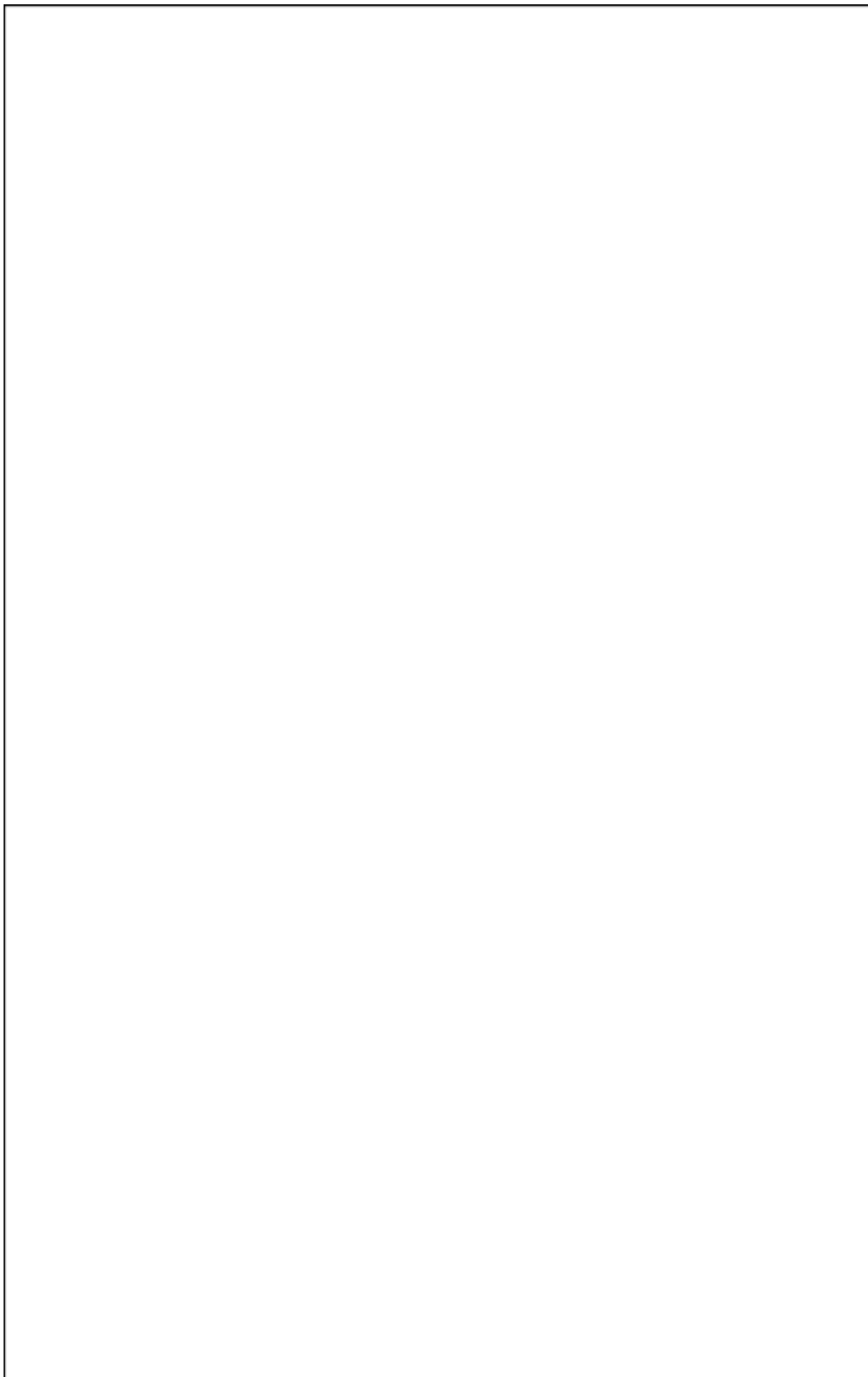
The Middle School Etude II is available on the third page of this document and through the ABA website. A full ensemble recording with Finale midi instruments is available for practice purposes through the ABA website, but the Finale midi recording should not be used during the audition recording.

3. Play-A-Long (40 Points Total - 30 for Melody, 10 for Improvisation)

Watermelon Man which can be found in: *Volume 54: Maiden Voyage, Play-A-Long Book and CD Set* by Jamey Aebersold. New Albany, IN: Jamey Aebersold Jazz. ISBN: 978-1-56224-212-1. www.jazzbooks.com. This book contains the tunes for all instruments and is not instrument specific. Students should use the Eb section of the book. Students should record themselves playing along with the full accompaniment. The Backtrack for FULL accompaniment is available with purchase of this book and through the Google Drive folder with these requirements.

With the FULL accompaniment, play three times: play the melody one time, improvise the second chorus, and play the melody again (1st time melody, 2nd time improvisation, 3rd time melody again). The improvisation on Watermelon Man can be done using either the F blues scale (concert pitch) or the F minor pentatonic scale (which is the F blues scale minus the 4th note) throughout. Students should seek out recordings to listen to for style and improvisation models.

4. Tone Quality (10 Points)



Alto Sax

MS All-State Jazz Scales

SWING

♩ = 120

G Major Scale

G Major Arpeggio



G Blues Scale



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C Major Scale

C Major Arpeggio



7

C Blues Scale



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A Dorian Scale

A Dorian Arpeggio



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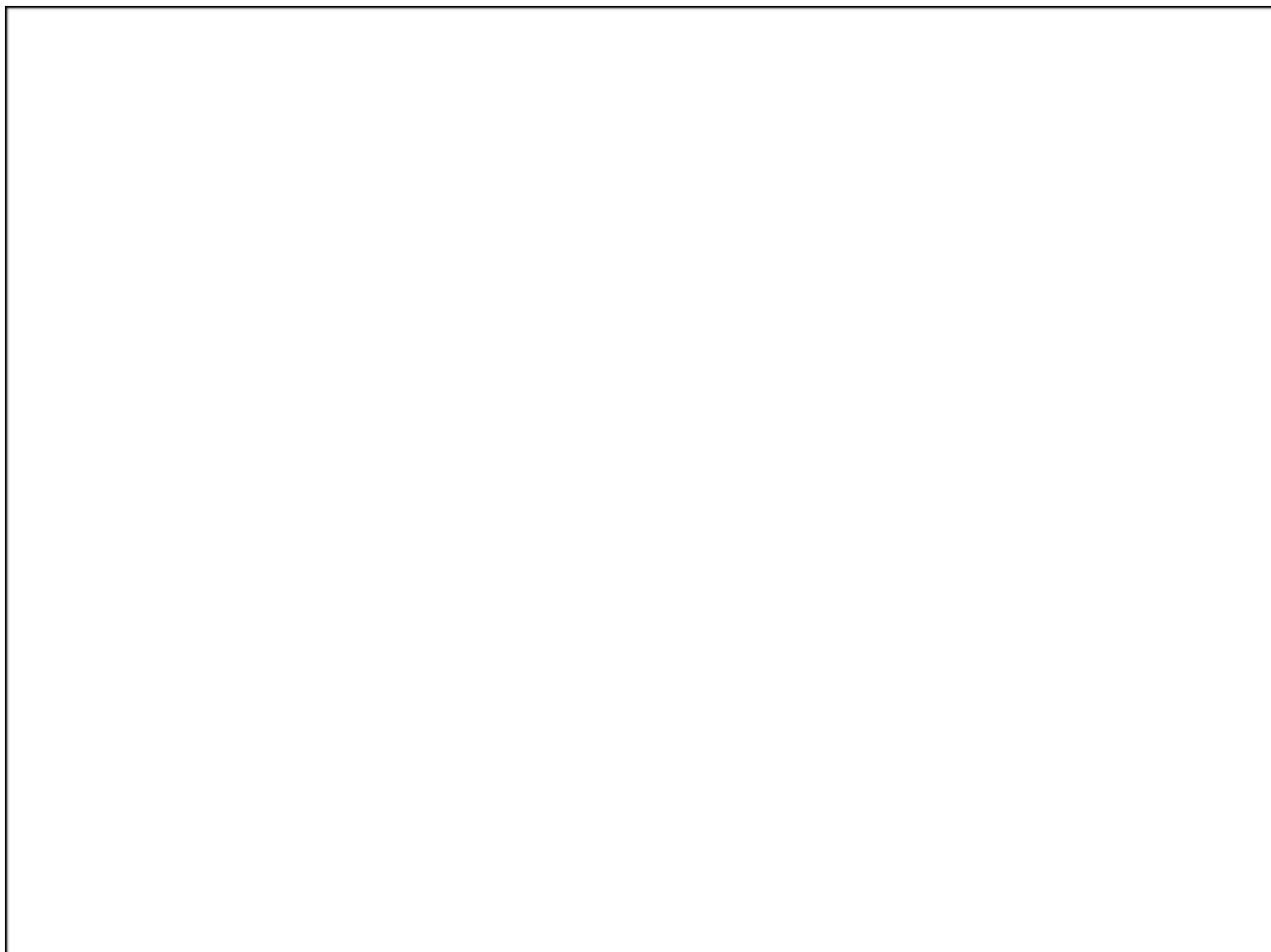
D Blues Scale



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D Minor Pentatonic Scale





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MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITION ETUDE II

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SWING

1 2 3 4

5 6 7 8

9 10 11 12