

2026 All State Percussion Exercises - Set 2

ABA Policy is that students must have their own copy of the book to audition for All State Band. Photocopying audition material is prohibited.

HS PERCUSSION - MALLETS

Mallet Requirements: The mallet audition is to be performed with appropriate mallets. **(Mallets will not be provided.)**

Scale Requirements: 12 Major Scales and Arpeggios Scale Order: C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, Gb, B, E, A, D, G

Each scale should be performed in two octaves, with alternate sticking, including
arpeggio. One point will be awarded for each completed scale, and one point for each
corresponding arpeggio. It is recommended that the performers play each scale at
MM=100, per quarter note (playing eighth notes). Each student must pass seven scales
and their related arpeggio to in order to proceed to the etude and sight reading portions
of the audition.

Minor Scales and Arpeggios: C Harmonic Minor and A Melodic Minor. These scales should also be performed with alternate sticking, including arpeggios.

Chromatic Scale: The chromatic scale should be performed A-A, 2 octaves, with alternate sticking.

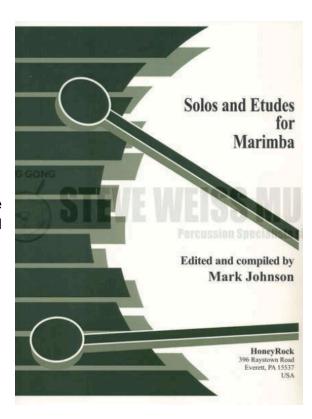
Scales Total - 32 points

Prepared Etudes - 65 Points

- Solos and Etudes for Marimba by Mark Johnson Pg 76, "Rondo". Start at the beginning and stop on beat one of measure 37.
- Sand Mountain, by Jason Baker. (Located at the end of this document.) Start at the beginning and stop on beat one of measure 18.

Playing Technique - 23 Points

Sight Reading - 70 Points



HS PERCUSSION - SNARE DRUM

Snare Drum Requirements: The snare drum audition will be performed on a concert snare drum concert snare sticks. (**Sticks and snare drum will not be provided.**)

Required Rudiments: 32 Points

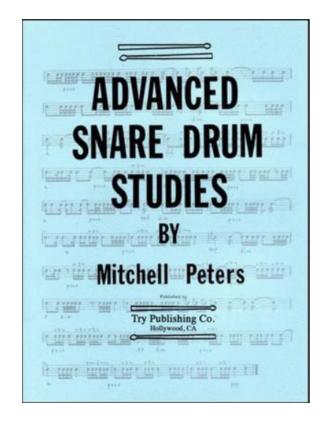
- Single Stroke Roll performed open-closed-open with smooth transition. (16 points)
- Double Stroke Roll performed open-closed-open with smooth transition. (16 points)

Prepared Etude - 65 Points

 Advanced Snare Drum Studies by Mitchell Peters - Etude 23: Start at measure 2 and play through 3rd measure of page 47.

Playing Technique - 23 points

Sight Reading - 70 Points



HS PERCUSSION - TIMPANI

Timpani Requirements: The timpani audition will be performed with appropriate mallets. **(Mallets will not be provided.)** Timpani tuning will be required only for the etude and will not constitute a barrier to the audition process.

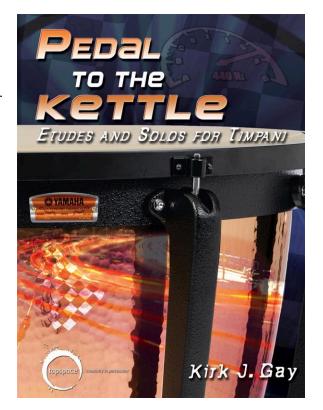
Tuning - 32 Points

 Students will have a maximum of 60 seconds to tune for the prepared etude. At the end of 60 seconds, no more tuning will be allowed and the etude must be performed with the current tuning.

Prepared Etude - 65 Points

 Pedal to the Kettle by Kirk Gay. Etude 22. Play from the beginning until the double bar at the end of measure 19.

Playing Technique - 23 Points



Total High School Percussion Audition Points: 500

Sand Mountain

Jason Baker (2020)

