

Alabama All-State Jazz Band Audition Requirements 2026-27
High School Band (Grades 9-12)
TENOR SAXOPHONE

1. Scales (10 Points - 1 Point Each)

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 is listed in CONCERT PITCH.

Bb Blues Scale

F Blues Scale

Eb Major Scale and Arpeggio

C Dorian Scale and Arpeggio

Eb Dorian Scale and Arpeggio

F Dorian Scale and Arpeggio

Ab Dorian Scale and Arpeggio

Bb Mixolydian Scale and Arpeggio

Db Mixolydian Scale and Arpeggio

F Mixolydian Scale and Arpeggio

2. Etude (20 Points)

The High School Etude 1 is available on the third page of this document and through the ABA website.

3. Play-A-Long (30 Points Each - 15 for Melody, 15 for Improvisation)

A. Song For My Father 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 is not instrument specific. Students should use the **Bb section** of the book. Students should seek out recordings to listen for style and improvisation models. For this section of the audition, 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 **Song For My Father** two times: play the melody one time and improvise during the second chorus (1st time melody, 2nd time improvisation).

B. Summertime 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 is not instrument specific. Students should use the **Bb section** of the book. Students should seek out recordings to listen for style and improvisation models. For this section of the audition, 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 **Summertime** two times: play the melody one time and improvise during the second chorus (1st time melody, 2nd time improvisation).

4. Tone Quality (10 Points)

Tenor Sax

HS All-State Jazz Scales

SWING ♩ = 120

Bb Blues Scale **F Blues Scale**

Eb Major Scale **Eb Major Arpeggio**

C Dorian Scale **C Dorian Arpeggio**

Eb Dorian Scale **Eb Dorian Arpeggio**

F Dorian Scale **F Dorian Arpeggio**

Ab Dorian Scale **Ab Dorian Arpeggio**

Bb Mixolydian Scale **Bb Mixolydian Arpeggio**

Db Mixolydian Scale **Db Mixolydian Arpeggio**

F Mixolydian Scale **F Mixolydian Arpeggio**

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17

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25

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TENOR SAX

AUDITION ETUDE I

TOM WOLFE

SWING
♩ = 120

A MIN7 D7 A MIN7

D7 G MA7 GLISS. C 13 B MIN7

E 7(b9) A MIN7 D7

B MIN7 E 7(b9) A MIN7

D7 G 6 G MA7(#11)