

Alabama All-State Jazz Band Audition Requirements 2026-2027
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 Jazz Division section on alaband.org. 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 1 is available on the third page of this document and through the Jazz Division section on alaband.org.

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

Tootsie which can be found in the book, *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 **Eb 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 **Tootsie** three times: play the melody one time, improvise during the second chorus, and play the melody one time after the improvisation chorus (1st time melody, 2nd time improvisation, 3rd time melody again).

4. Tone Quality (10 Points)

Alto Sax

MS All-State Jazz Scales

SWING

$\text{♩} = 120$

G Major Scale

G Major Arpeggio



G Blues Scale



C Major Scale

C Major Arpeggio



C Blues Scale



A Dorian Scale

A Dorian Arpeggio



D Blues Scale



D Minor Pentatonic Scale



Alto Sax

Middle School Audition Etude 1

Tom Wolfe

Swing (♩=100-120)

The musical score is written for Alto Sax in 4/4 time, marked 'Swing' with a tempo of 100-120 beats per minute. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains measures 1 through 4. Measure 1 starts with an accent (^) on the first note. Measure 2 features a triplet of eighth notes. Measure 3 has an accent (^) on the first note. Measure 4 has an accent (^) on the first note and a breath mark (>) on the last note. The second staff contains measures 5 through 9. Measure 5 starts with an accent (^) on the first note. Measure 6 has a triplet of eighth notes and a breath mark (>) on the last note. Measure 7 has a triplet of eighth notes. Measure 8 has a triplet of eighth notes and a breath mark (>) on the last note. Measure 9 has a triplet of eighth notes and a breath mark (>) on the last note. The third staff contains measures 10 through 13. Measure 10 has a flat (b) on the first note. Measure 11 has a flat (b) on the first note. Measure 12 has a flat (b) on the first note. Measure 13 has an accent (^) on the first note and a breath mark (>) on the last note. The score ends with a double bar line.