

Alabama All-State Jazz Band Audition Requirements 2026-2027
Middle School Band
DRUM SET

1. Styles (30 Points-5 Points Each)

Students should perform the following styles.

- A. Swing-Medium Tempo (mm=120-132): 12 Measures
- B. Swing-Medium Tempo-use brushes (mm=120-132): 12 Measures
- C. Swing-Fast Tempo (mm=180+): 24 Measures
- D. Bossa Nova 2-3 pattern (mm=120-132): 24 Measures
- E. Ballad-Slow-use brushes (mm=60-66) 12 Measures
- F. Funk (mm=90-106): 16 Measures

2. Etude (20 Points)

The Middle School Etude I is available on the third page of this document and through the Jazz Division section on alaband.org.

3. Miles & Groove Blues Play-A-Longs (50 Points Totale: 25 Points Each)

Miles (25 points) which can be found in: *Jazz Conception for Drums* by Jim Snidero. Germany: Advance Music. ISBN: 805095147292. www.advancemusic.com. This is a medium swing chart that uses brushes. Students should record themselves playing along with the accompaniment recording. Turn the balance control of your stereo to the left channel (this takes out the drum set part). A pre-set backtrack is available through the Jazz Division section on alaband.org.

Groove Blues (25 points) which can be found in: *Jazz Conception for Drums* by Jim Snidero. Germany: Advance Music. ISBN: 805095147292. www.advancemusic.com. This is an upbeat swing chart. Students should record themselves playing along with the accompaniment recording. Turn the balance control of your stereo to the left channel (this takes out the drum set part). A pre-set backtrack is available through the Jazz Division section on alaband.org.

Middle School Audition Etude 1

Swing (♩=100-120)

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