

## SECTION VIII - REGION AND ALL-STATE CLINICS

### A. JUNIOR AND SENIOR CLINICS

1. Ninth grade students may not participate, or tryout for, senior clinics.
2. Only concert French horns may audition for Region or State Clinics.
3. Eligibility: See Rules and Regulations - Section IV
4. Entry and clinic fees - See Appendix A

### B. ALL-STATE AUDITIONS AND CLINICS

1. Tryout and clinic fees: See Appendix A
2. Student Eligibility: See Rules and Regulations, Section III
  - (a) Students selected for participation in the All-State Bands and Orchestra shall be limited to grades 10 through 12. (Tryouts and Clinic).
  - (b) Students who place in the All-State Bands and/or Orchestra who have unexcused absences or poor attitudes shall be ineligible for All-State auditions the following year.
  - (c) All students trying out for All-State must have been a member of and participated in All-Region band or as a string member of All-Region Orchestra. A student shall be ineligible to audition for the All-State groups if he/she fails to attend the region clinic for any reason other than sickness, death in the immediate family, or weather conditions which make travel impossible, except in the case of extenuating circumstances (each region has the right to handle its own extenuating circumstances). Regions having only one band may adapt their instrumentation to include the allowable number of All-State qualifiers and alternates. (Revised 1997 ABA)
  - (d) Students are required to attend all rehearsals. No student shall be allowed to attend, or perform in, other organizations. (See "Audition Procedures") (Revised ABA 2008)
  - (e) String students who were not a resident of the state at the time of All-Region Orchestra auditions, may be allowed to audition for the All-State Orchestra.
3. Five directors will be invited to serve on each All-State audition committee. The Olympic scoring system will be used (throw out the high and low scores and total the other three).
4. In the event a student is demoted from an organization at All-State due to tryout scoring errors the student's director will be notified before the first rehearsal. (Revised 1998 ABA)

### C. REGION INSTRUMENTATION FOR ALL-STATE AUDITIONS

1. Each of the nine Regions may certify up to the following for All-State Band auditions:  
Each of the two Orchestra regions may certify up to the following for All-State Orchestra auditions:  
Under no circumstances will the double bass extension device nor the 5th string on any instrument outside of the traditional stringed instrument design be used for any audition. (ABA 2010)
2. Each region is to list three (3) alternates for each instrument to replace any qualified students who are unable to participate in the All-State auditions. (Revised 1993) Six (6) alternates may be listed for Bb Clarinet. (Revised ABA 2008) Only those students that actually qualified for All-Region will be eligible to be listed as All-State alternates. (Revised ABA 1998)

### D. ALL-STATE BANDS AND ORCHESTRA INSTRUMENTATION

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5. After the first rehearsal no students may be moved between organizations.
  6. Violin seating: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Violins will be seated straight away according to scores earned. The highest ranking 1<sup>st</sup> Violin who chooses to do so, may choose to play principal 2<sup>nd</sup> Violin. Original 2<sup>nd</sup> Violins may choose to remain in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Violin section if given the option to move to 1<sup>st</sup> Violin. Designated alternates will be added to the back of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Violin section as needed or until all have been called.
  7. The deadline for tryout scores, changes, errors, etc., will be at 5:00 p.m. on Monday following the tryouts, for Region and All-State tryouts.
  8. For Orchestra: A minimum All-State string instrumentation shall be prescribed in the By-Laws. However, this may be expanded if the repertoire requires, at the discretion of the Orchestra Chairman, so that additional personnel may be selected at the All-State auditions.
  9. If instrumentation is required for which auditions are not held (i.e. harp) the Orchestra Chairman will select these additional players.
  10. Guest soloists are not to be used at All-State concerts, with the exception of the All-State Jazz Band.

## E. AUDITION PROCEDURES

1. The All-State Tryout Committee, under the supervision of the 1st Vice-President, will be given the responsibility of running the All-State tryouts and the tally room. The Committee will be made up of six members on a rotating basis - the member on the Committee the longest will be the Chairperson.
2. All-State candidate's names will be drawn to determine the tryout, thus giving a fair distribution of playing times. Each student will be given a tryout time. A student who misses his/her playing time will have five percent of the points possible per sheet deducted from their score and be allowed to audition at the next available time.
3. Five directors will be invited to serve on each All-State audition committee. The Olympic scoring system will be used (throw out the high and low scores and total the other three). Each of the nine regions is to be as equally represented as possible in the selection of committees. Directors will not be allowed to judge an All-State tryout instrument if any child of which they are parent or legal guardian is scheduled to tryout on that instrument. (*The tryout procedure committee also recommends that directors follow this guideline at the region level when possible.*) (Revised ABA 2004)
4. Tryout materials for winds, percussion and strings are to be chosen from the specified All-State tryout lists, with no deviation, with the exception of sight-reading. For instruments which draw from more than one source for their tryout material, at least one exercise shall be chosen from each source. (Corrected ABA 2015 for Band) Senior High band students will be required to know all the major and minor scales (natural form ONLY – ABA 2011) and a designated chromatic scale. Senior High Orchestra students will be required to know three octave major and melodic minor scales up to and including three sharps and three flats. Students will start scales on the required starting pitch and play only the required number of octaves. All scales are to be played by memory. (Revised ABA 2003) The penalty for cheating on scales will be disqualification from the tryout at which the infraction occurred, i.e. written form, altering instrument, etc. (Revised ABA 2008)
5. Each student must be asked all of the same materials as all others on that particular instrument. (*All material that is asked should be expected to be played and heard. All-State 2002 clarification*) **The prepared excerpts will be posted and listed 1, 2, 3 for scoring purposes on the sheet/card, but the student will be allowed to play them in whatever order makes them comfortable. Judges will score the excerpts on the corresponding lines for posted excerpts 1, 2 and 3 regardless of the order in which the student plays them. (For example, a student who played the third excerpt first would be scored on line 'C' of the score sheet for their first excerpt, as it is listed third).** (ABA 2013) All scales for junior and senior high auditions will be played in the order posted. (ABA 2004) (A judge will announce each scale.)
6. Students will be required to play one flat scale, one sharp scale and one minor scale, with the following exceptions: the C major scale and/or the chromatic scale may be required in lieu of one or both majors scales. (Revised ABA 2000) Wind and percussion players may only play the natural form of the minor scale(s) asked At All-Region/All-State auditions. (Revised ABA 2011) Orchestra strings are required to play melodic minor scales.
7. (a) A Junior or High School band student may audition on only one wind or percussion instrument for an All-Region or All-State Band (high school students only). An orchestra student may audition for the All-State Orchestra on one string instrument  
(b) Any student enrolled in both a bona-fide band class and a bona-fide string class at his/her member school may audition for the All-State Band and Orchestra on one wind or percussion instrument and one string instrument, if qualified at the Region level.
8. (a) All-State tryout chairmen will bring all of the tryout materials. The entire panel will choose the material to be used 30 minutes prior to the beginning of auditions.  
(b) Copies of prepared material and sight-reading music may be used. Care must be taken by the committee chairmen that all copies are of the highest quality. Manuscript music may not be used. No published works for band may be used for sight-reading at All-State Tryouts.  
(c) Students will be allowed 20 seconds to look over the sight-reading material at All-Region and All-State tryouts. (ABA 2008)
9. Judges at auditions are to be seated behind a screen. The name of the student and the school are not to be known by the judging panel. No form of tobacco is to be used in any tryout room.
10. Scales for winds, keyboard (no rolls) and band string bass are to be tongued ascending and descending and at a tempo of 72+ starting on the lowest note. These scales are to be played in the following rhythmic pattern: 2/4: one eighth note, followed by six, sixteenth notes, etc. Drum rudiments are to be played "open-closed-open". All-State string audition scales are to be played quarter note=120mm, detache, no vibrato with the top note repeated.
11. Any student not playing the required tempo and/or rhythmic pattern, and/or articulation, should receive credit, but shall not be scored above the center line (average) of the score sheet indicated for scales.
12. Where more than one room is used for auditioning any section, the first room shall be used for prepared exercises. The second room shall be used for scales and sight-reading. If only one room is used for the audition, prepared exercises shall be played first, followed by scales, then sight-reading." (Revised ABA 2003)
13. Flute, clarinet, trumpet, oboes, bassoons, trombones, and saxophones are to be judged by two panels.

14. Comprehensive percussion is to be divided at All-State as follows: one panel for snare drum (1 rudiment – 1 minute maximum time – monitor can stop, a portion of the snare exercise and sight-reading – 20 second study time, 30 second performance time); one panel for keyboard (2 scales - no rolls, a portion of the keyboard exercise and sight-reading – 20 second study time, 30 second performance time); one panel for timpani (tune pitches of timpani exercise - 15 seconds per drum will be permitted - strike each from lowest to highest consecutively in a half note rhythm quarter note = 80, a portion of the timpani exercise and sight-reading – 20 second study time, 15 seconds per drum tuning time, 30 second performance time). Rooms/instruments may be combined at the region level. Each student will have all equipment ready before entering the room (i.e. snare sticks, keyboard mallets, timpani mallets, permitted tuning device). Students may use their own instruments – timpani sizes designated below. (ABA 2005, 2012) (More information – Appendix C) Timpani sight-reading tuned pitches will be the same as the prepared pitches. (ABA 2007) The host will provide balanced action pedal tuning timpani only – sizes designated below. Timpani with other mechanisms can be requested in advance from the Region or State audition host. No tuning aids, whether electronic or manual will be allowed in the tryout room with the exception of the following: (1) tuning fork (2) pitch pipe (3) mallet percussion instrument (4) electronic version of pitch pipe such as Farley's PocketTones which may only emit indicated pitches; they may not visually indicate pitch intonation. (ABA 2007) **Mounted tuning gauges/devices on a student's own set of timpani whose tuning gauges/devices are not mechanically disengaged will not be allowed in the room. Furthermore, the host and/or any of the judges will not mechanically disengage tuning gauges/devices for students who are auditioning.** (Revised ABA 2014) The order of percussion tryouts at All-State auditions will be: TIMPANI, KEYBOARD, SNARE DRUM. (Revised ABA 2008)

Students may choose to play the timpani etudes on any three timpani ranging in size from 23" to 32". Timpani sizes 23", 26" 29", 32" will be placed in the All-Region and All-State audition room for students to use as they see fit for the set of exercises for that given audition year. (ABA 2016)

Audition hosts should provide the necessary drums and no more. Schools may bring their own equipment to auditions that meets the above criteria. (ABA 2016)

15. One panel will be used for baritones, one for tubas, and one for orchestra basses and band string basses. Bass audition material will remain separate and unchanged for orchestra and band, but both groups will be judged by the orchestra bass adjudicators – orchestra basses first followed by band string basses. (ABA 2015)

16. Students may use their own music at tryouts.

17. If an All-State qualifier does not pick up his/her playing card by the designated deadline, an alternate will be chosen, in order, from the alternates of that region who are present, to fill that slot. If no alternates are present from that specific region, an alternate will be drawn from the lot of 1st alternates present on that instrument from other regions. Alternates must have registered by the time designated in the instructions mailed to directors. Alternates that are chosen must pay the tryout fee before they are allowed to audition. At the time of the alternate draw, the names of four stand-by alternates for all instruments except Bb Clarinet will be drawn in addition to the regular alternates to fill out the tryout slots. The names of six stand-by alternates will be drawn for Bb Clarinet. (ABA 2005) After the last tryout, stand-by alternates will be allowed to tryout, in the order drawn, for any remaining unfilled tryout slots. Once the stand-by alternates begin to tryout, students who miss their tryout, will not be allowed to tryout. (Revised All-State 2002)

18. No warm-up will be allowed in the tryout room. Prior to playing an exercise, scale or sight-reading all students except violin, viola, cello and bass players will be allowed to play its first note as a sustained note. (ABA 2015) No repeated rhythmical variation of that note will be allowed. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the deduction of points of the score sheet indicated for musicianship. The student shall not be scored above the center line (average) of the musicianship score. If the violation occurs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> room of a two-room tryout, the student shall not be scored above the centerline (average) of the scale(s) or sight-reading score on which the violation occurred. (Revised ABA 2003)

19. Students are responsible for being at the All-State and All-Region tryout rooms when their number is called. A student who misses his/her playing time will have 5% per sheet (ABA 2005) deducted from their score and be allowed to audition at the next available time. Hardship cases will be decided by the ASBOA President, 1st Vice-President and Secretary at the All-State tryouts, and by the Region Chairman, Region Secretary, and one additional region director appointed by the Region Chairman, at All-Region tryouts.

20. The names of All-State musicians posted at All-State auditions are not final. All directors will have the opportunity to pick up their student's score sheets at the end of the auditions. It is the director's responsibility to pick up his/her own score sheets. They will not be mailed. It is the director's responsibility to see that any discrepancies in calculations are reported to the first vice-president before 5:00 p.m. on the following Monday. Changes in seating, resulting from scoring errors verified by the first vice-president may include:

- (a) an increase in the size of a section in the third band to include the students whose names were posted at the auditions
- (b) The adjustment of seating within a section
- (c) The adjustment in band placement

Any school having a student affected by scoring errors will be notified as soon as possible by the first vice-president. The director is responsible for informing the student of the change. Each director is responsible for informing the students, parents, and administration of our policy concerning the posting of tentative results after All-State auditions. (Revised 1999)

21. A student may audition at All-State tryouts only on the instrument that they played at the Region tryouts, even if the music for a like instrument is the same.

22. In schools where there is no string program individual string players must pay an individual membership fee each year to be eligible to participate in ASBOA sponsored events. All rules and regulations apply to the student. A director/teacher in that school must declare responsibility for the student, including registration and filing of all forms, and entry fees.

23. If college students are used as monitors for region and/or state tryouts, they will be instructed as to their specific job, and no recruiting is allowed.

24. College personnel will not be involved in active recruiting in the rehearsal or performance areas at clinics, contests or assessments where they are employed or visiting. Out-of-state personnel employed by Arkansas musical organizations will abide by the same guidelines. The clinicians and adjudicators should be informed of these recommendations by the chairman of the sponsoring organization. We encourage a strong emphasis on professional ethics that will be used as a guideline for each individual college faculty member. If there is any infringement of these guidelines by college personnel, the infringement should be reported immediately to the chairman of the sponsoring organization. (Revised 1996)

25. On ACT test dates, All-State tryouts will begin at 12:30 p.m. to avoid conflicts. The starting time will be 11:00 a.m. if there is no ACT test. Alternates must register by the time designated in the All-State tryout instructions mailed to directors in order to be eligible for the draw to fill vacant audition slots. (Revised 1997 ABA) (10:00 a.m. for 2005 & 2006)

26. Any bass trombonist who is to qualify for an Arkansas All-State Band or who is auditioning for any spot in an Arkansas All-State Band, must tryout on a genuine bass trombone which is at least .559 inches in bore size. The mouthpiece used by any bass trombonist who qualifies to audition for an Arkansas All-State Band must be a genuine bass trombone mouthpiece and have a genuine bass trombone shank, not a tenor mouthpiece adapter. The All-State tryout room sheet validator will be responsible for checking each bass trombone to ensure it meets the guidelines. (At the region level, it should be the responsibility of the room chairman). Any student whose instrument does not meet the criteria for a bass trombone will not be allowed to audition." (Revised ABA 2003)

27. The order for breaking ties at region and all-state will be:

Winds/Strings - (1) sight-reading (2) musical expression (3) tone (4) scales; Percussion (1) sight-reading (2) musical expression (3) total minors (4) scales/rudiments/tuning (Revised ABA 2002) (*Note – Percussion order needs to be addressed - #3 is no longer valid*)

28. Students on all instruments must score at or above 25% of the total points possible to qualify to participate in All-Region or All-State. (Revised ABA 2011)

29. Orchestra Region Auditions: Audition rooms may not alternate between age levels or different instruments.

30. At the All-State tryouts, names and scores of students selected to the All-State organizations will be posted through those that made alternate. Only tryout numbers and scores will be posted (in descending order) for the remainder of the students. (ABA 2006)

31. No students auditioning for All-State (both concert and jazz) may use a metronome, tuning device, or other similar aids in the audition room. (ABA 2007) See VIII.E.14. above for the exceptions for tuning timpani.

32. Room monitors at All-State tryouts will follow the same cell phone use policies that are ascribed to judges. Room monitors will use watches or digital timers (kitchen timers) for the purpose of time keeping during sight-reading preparation time.

33. To enable directors and students to understand the scoring of a student that has committed a tryout procedure error, the committee chairman will be provided with index cards that are premade with the following procedure errors listed:

Late to tryout

Played wrong material or exercise

Began or ended in the wrong place

Played wrong scale or scales

Played scales out of order

The chairman will write the student's tryout number on the index card, mark the error, and sign the card. The index card will be attached to the judge's cards. The index card will then be attached to the student's score printout sheet so that the director and student may be supplied with the information.

34. Any director that has students registered with ASBOA will be expected to work Region Junior/Senior events and state events as requested. Failure to do so shall result in notification of the proper school administrators. Director absences must be approved by the region officers and the ASBOA Executive Secretary at least two weeks in advance unless an emergency arises which is deemed acceptable. Region officers handle region auditions; the ASBOA Executive Secretary handles state auditions. (ABA 2015)

### 35. All-State Chamber Orchestra

- a. Selection for the All State Chamber Orchestra will be from the All State Auditions. All State Chamber Orchestra Chairs will be filled from the top of the order of All State Audition results.
- b. The All State Chamber Orchestra rehearsal schedule will be the same as for All State Jazz Bands and will perform on Thursday evening at All State along with the All State Jazz Bands.
- c. The Instrumentation of the All State Chamber Orchestra will be as follows:

### 36. Audition material for the All-Region Orchestras will consist of pre-set material, as follows:

JUNIOR HIGH: Three scales (quarter note = 80, no bowing specified, to be played two octaves by violins, violas, and cellos, one octave by basses, four etudes from homogeneous class method books, and sight-reading.

SENIOR HIGH AUDITIONS: Scales (memorized, quarter note = 120mm, detache, no vibrato with the top note repeated, 2 octaves for bass, 3 octaves for other strings); passages from the All-State Audition Material; and sight-reading will make up the audition material. (Revised ABA 2003)

## F. ALL-STATE JAZZ BANDS

### 1. All-State Jazz Band Committee

- (a) The committee will be made up of nine members, one from each of the nine regions.
- (b) Each committee member will be the Jazz Band Coordinator for their region and will be responsible for all of the duties accorded him by the committee as a whole and the ASBOA Clinic and Festivals Committee.
- (c) The committee and the chairperson will be appointed by the Executive Board of the ASBOA.
- (d) Each year, region members will rotate off of the committee, and new members from the same regions will be selected. For rotation, Regions will be grouped I, IV, VII; II, V, VIII; III, VI, IX. See Appendix B

### 2. Auditions

#### (a) Region Level

- (1) All regions are required to participate in the All-State Jazz Band process.
- (2) Each Region will qualify players to audition for the All-State Jazz Band through their region jazz band clinic. (ABA 2007)
- (3) Region Qualifying Instrumentation for All-State Auditions
  - (a) Each of the nine regions may qualify up to the following for

#### All-State auditions:

- (b) If available, each region is to list 2 alternates for each instrument to replace any qualified students who are unable to participate in the All-State auditions.

#### (b) All-State Level

(1) The All-State Jazz Band Committee, under the supervision of the All-State Jazz Band Chair, will be given the responsibility of running the All-State Jazz Band auditions and the tally room. In his/her capacity as audition chair, the All-State Jazz Band Chair is under the supervision of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and the Clinic and Festivals Committee of ASBOA.

(2) A minimum of two directors will be invited to serve on each All-State Jazz Band audition committee. Alto saxophones will audition in a separate room from tenor and bari saxophones at all-state jazz band auditions if qualified judges are available. (ABA 2006) Guitarists will audition in a separate room from bassists at all-state jazz band auditions. (ABA 2014)

(3) Prepared exercises, scales and drum beats are to be chosen from the specified All-State audition list approved by membership. (Revised All-State 2003) The All-State Jazz Band Committee is responsible for notifying the membership of where to obtain the tryout material. See Appendix B

#### (4) Students will be required to play from memory the following:

- (a) Wind, string, and piano players will be required to play 2 key centers plus 1 blues scale: (ABA 2013)

Key centers--ii, V, I – (Included in jazz audition materials)

Blues scales--g, c, f, b flat, e flat, a flat – Concert Pitch

(See Appendix B for intervallic construction of scales and modes.)

Key centers (ii, V, I) will be played in swing pattern to the 9th degree in the order of Dorian, Mixolydian, and Major with indicated articulation at a tempo of quarter note = 72: 2/4 - sixteenth notes, swing. In addition the students will be asked to play a blues in the current triplet pattern. Wind blue scales are to be tongued ascending and descending at a tempo of 90+ in the following rhythm pattern: 2/4 - eighth note triplets. All blues scales will be two octaves if they begin on the same pitch as a two octave major scale for All-State Concert Band auditions. All blues scales will be two octaves for strings and piano. Piano scales are to be played hands together. (ABA 2013) Any student not playing the required tempo and/or rhythmic pattern and/or articulation should receive credit, but shall not be scored above the center line of the scale score sheet. ABA 2007)

(b) Drummers will play 8 measures of specific beat patterns which will include in 4/4 time-bossa, funk, rock, samba, shuffle, and swing; and 3/4 time-jazz waltz. (Skeletal patterns available for guide only) (ABA 2007)

(5) A student may audition on only one instrument.

(6) The All-State Jazz Band tryout chairperson in each room will bring all of the tryout materials for that room.

(7) No warm-up will be allowed in the tryout room. Prior to playing an exercise, scale, or sight-reading, the student will be allowed to play only the first note of that exercise or scale as a sustained tone. No repeated rhythmical variation of that note will be allowed. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the deduction of five (5) points on the score sheet for that section of the tryout.

(8) Students are responsible for being at the tryout room(s) at their appointed time. A student who misses his/her playing time will have 5% per sheet (ABA 2007) deducted from their score and be allowed to audition at the next available time.

(9) All students will improvise as a portion of the tryout. The All-Region and All-State improvisation selection from the AR/IAJE (ABA 2007) packet will be used for each respective audition. Students will not be allowed to read a prepared improvisation solo. All students will perform all improvisation with the accompaniment track.

(10) The deadline for score corrections and changes will be at 5:00 p.m. on the first working day following the audition, for Region and All-State auditions.

(11) Eligibility will be the responsibility of the All-State Jazz Band Chair and the Region Coordinators.

(12) Jazz drum set players will use the CD background during the jazz tryout process. (ABA 2006)

(13) A drum set and a piano will be provided by the host. (ABA 2007) Guitarists and bassists will use their own amplifier in the audition room. A "community amp" will not be provided for the tryout. (ABA 2014) Any set-up of personal equipment should be done before auditions begin.

### 3. All-State Jazz Band Clinic

(a) Instrumentation - Players will be selected at the All-State auditions to fill up to the following instrumentation per band for All-State Jazz Bands:

When an All-State Jazz Band requires a vibraphone player, that player will be selected through the following hierarchy of All-State members – All-State Jazz Band Piano, All-State Jazz Band Drum Set, All-State Symphonic Band Keyboard and All-State Concert Band Keyboard. (ABA 2003)

(b) At this time, two jazz bands will be sponsored

(c) The All-State Jazz Band clinician or soloist may be permitted to perform with the group.

4. Awards - all participants in the All-State Jazz Band will receive a medal appropriate for the event. Those who wish to, may buy a patch.

(See Rules and Regulations, Section )

5. Tryout and clinic fees - See Appendix B