



AMERICAN FORK HIGH SCHOOL  
**CONCERT BAND**  
**ALTO/ BARI SAX**

Students playing Alto/ Bari Sax in the AFHS Concert Band will be required to reach these bench marks for a passing grade. Bench Marks are broken down into 2 categories: 1) Scales 2) Etudes and Solos. There will be 3 scales that will need to be passed off each term. Etudes and Solos are broken up into 3 segments throughout the school year. The first segment is an etude that will be handed out at the beginning of the year. Students will need to pass them off in early November. The second segment is required participation in School Solo and Ensembles. Students will pick 1 of the 4 listed solos and perform the solo for a grade at School S&E. The last segment will be another etude that will need to be submitted for a grade in early May. These bench marks will help students develop their musicianship throughout the year.

**Term 1 Scales**

**1. Bb Concert/ G Major 100 BPM**



## 2. B Concert/ Ab Major 70 BPM



## 3. C Concert/ A Major 100 BPM



## Term 2 Scales

### 1. Db Concert/ Bb Major 70 BPM



### 2. D Concert/ B major 70 BPM



### 3. Eb Concert/ C Major 100 BPM



## Term 3 Scales

## 1. E Concert/ Db Major 70 BPM



## 2. F Concert/ D Major 100 BPM



## 3. Gb Concert/ Eb Major 70 BPM



## Term 4 Scales

### 1. G Concert/ E Major 70 BPM



### 2. Ab Concert/ F Major 100 BPM



### 3. A Concert/ F# Major 70 BPM



# ETUDES/ SOLOS

This first etude the students in Concert Band have 2 options. 1) Students can audition for All-State Band playing the all state etude. 2) Students can play the preselected etude. Regardless of which option is chosen both will need to be submitted for a grade. Making or not making the All-state band will not factor into the grade. Students will need to submit a video recording to Canvas by November 21st or play it for a band director by that date. Students can play the etude for the director as many times as they want prior to November 21st. If they submit to Canvas it will be graded after November 21st and no other submissions for higher grades will be accepted.

Option 1: All-State Etude (Take A Endings)

[Click Here](#)

Option 2:

- 1) Go to the following website <https://auditionsolos.com/>
- 2) Choose your appropriate concert band instrument
- 3) Learn 1D and play the A ending.

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## **Solo & Ensemble:** Due Feb 22nd

Everyone in Concert Band will be required to play a solo for School Solo and Ensemble on Feb 22nd. Students will receive a grade based off of the score from the judge. Students will be required to pick solos from the Prescribed Solo List (PSL). There are a few exceptions when choosing from the PSL.

- 1) Students who take private lessons can choose a solo that is not on the PSL with approval of their private lessons teacher and band director.
- 2) Students who wish to choose the easier solo must have band director approval.
- 3) Students who wish to do the more advanced solo must have band director approval.
- 4) Students who want to play a more advance solo from the Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble PSL can do so with band director approval.

Grade Scale Based on Judges Score:

Score:	Grade:
1 to 1-	4
2+ to 2-	3
3+ to 3-	2
4+ to 4-	1
5+ to 5-	0

**Prescribed Solo List Link**

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## **Etude 2:** Due Friday May 6th

Etude 2 will be due on May 6th. Students will need to turn a video recording on Canvas or play it for a band director in person. Students can play it for the band director as many times as they want prior to May 6th. If a student turns it in on Canvas it will be graded after May 6th and no other submissions for higher grades will be accepted.



