CMEA High School Audition Repertoire Jazz Updated May 2024

In order to ensure consistent and fair adjudication, all students must use the same edition of a given solo. Students must use the required edition of the books/pieces indicated. The publishers/distributors are listed to help you locate a given etude book or piece.

CMEA expects all students participating in the audition process to abide by all copyright laws. Students must have an original piece of music, a digitally purchased copy w/receipt, a public domain copy, or perform from memory. With the exception of students performing from memory, students auditioning without an acceptable copy of music may be disqualified from festival participation.

The remainder of the list will continue to be worked on and will be updated during the 2024-2025 school year,

CMEA Policies Regarding Students With A Disability

It is the responsibility of the child's music director to notify the Region Director of any modifications required for students who may have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 plan in anticipation of the CMEA sponsored Adjudication or Festival processes. Any request for modifications must be made 30 days prior to the said CMEA sponsored event. It is also the responsibility of the child's school district to fund any costs incurred by such modifications.

JAZZ WIND REQUIREMENTS

REGION JAZZ WIND IMPROVISATION

All wind players will improvise a solo using the specified Aebersold play-along track listed below. Students will play the melody for one chorus, improvise for four choruses, and finish by playing the melody for one chorus.

2024-2025	Fast Blues in F from Nothin' But Blues, Vol. 2 – Aebersold
2025-2026	Fast Blues in Bb from Nothin' But Blues, Vol. 2 - Aebersold
2026-2027	TBD
2027-2028	TBD

JAZZ ALTO SAX and BARITONE SAX

REGION JAZZ WIND ETUDE LIST

	2024-2025	Etude #13 from Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax by Niehaus - Professional Drum
	2024 2020	Shop/Aebersold
	2025-2026	Etude #8 (Q=152-160) from Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax by Niehaus - Professional Drum Shop/Aebersold
	2026-2027	Etude #12 from Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax by Niehaus - Professional Drum Shop/Aebersold
	2027-2028	Etude #5 from Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax by Niehaus - Professional Drum Shop/Aebersold
JAZZ TENOR SAX		
	2024-2025	Etude #14 from Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax by Niehaus - Professional Drum Shop/Aebersold
	2025-2026	Etude #4 (Q=176-184) from Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax by Niehaus - Professional Drum Shop/Aebersold
	2026-2027	Etude #6 from Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax by Niehaus - Professional Drum Shop/Aebersold
	2027-2028	Etude #18 from Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax by Niehaus - Professional Drum Shop/Aebersold

JAZZ BARI SAX		
2024-2025	Etude #13 from Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax by Niehaus - Professional Drum	
	Shop/Aebersold	
2025-2026	Etude #8 (Q=152-160) from Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax by Niehaus - Professional	
	Drum Shop/Aebersold	
2026-2027	Etude #12 from Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax by Niehaus - Professional Drum	
	Shop/Aebersold	

2027-2028 Etude #5 from Advanced Jazz Conception for Sax by Niehaus - Professional Drum Shop/Aebersold

JAZZ TRUMPET

2024-2025	IND Line from Jazz Conception - Trumpet by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2025-2026	Bird Blues from Jazz Conception - Trumpet by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2026-2027	Lunar from Jazz Conception - Trumpet by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2027-2028	Friends from Jazz Conception - Trumpet by Snidero – Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

There will be an additional excerpt for those students interested in auditioning for LEAD Trumpet

JAZZ TROMBONE

2024-2025	IND Line from Jazz Conception - Trombone (all optional 8va should be taken) Advance
	/Aebersold or Alfred
2025-2026	It's Nobody for Me from Effective Etudes for Jazz by Javis/Carubia - Kendor Music
2026-2027	Joe's Thing from Jazz Conception - Trombone by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2027-2028	I Got Rid of 'Em from Effective Etudes for Jazz by Javis/Carubia - Kendor Music
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BASS TROMBONE		
2024-2025	IND Line from Jazz Conception – Bass Trombone (all optional 8va should be taken)	
	Advance/Aebersold or Alfred	
2025-2026	It's Nobody for Me from Effective Etudes for Jazz (trombone) by Javis/Carubia - Kendor	
	Music	
2026-2027	Joe's Thing from Jazz Conception – Bass Trombone by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred	
2027-2028	I Got Rid of 'Em from Effective Etudes for Jazz by Javis/Carubia - Kendor Music	

ALL-STATE JAZZ WIND IMPROVISATION

The remainder of the winds list will continue to be worked on and will be updated during the 2024-2025 school year.

All wind players will improvise over the solo listed below.

2024-2025	No Greater Love from Jam Session, Vol. 34 - Aebersold
2025-2026	Just Friends from Jam Session, Vol. 34 – Aebersold
2026-2027	Take the A Train from "Duke Ellington", Vol. 12 – Aebersold
2027-2028	Oleo from "Sonny Rollins", Vol. 8 - Aebersold

- 1. Students will play the melody for one chorus.
- 2. Next, students will improvise for two choruses.
- 3. Students will finish with one Chorus into the Coda, which is improvised.

ALL-STATE JAZZ WIND SOLO LIST

JAZZ ALTO SAX 2024-2025 Warmin' Up a Riff from The Charlie Parker Omnibook - Eb (Q=236) - Hal Leonard 2025-2026 2026-2027 **TBD** 2027-2028 **TBD** JAZZ TENOR SAX 2024-2025 Klaun Stance, pgs. 1& 2 from The Charlie Parker Omnibook - Eb (Q=276) - Hal Leonard 2025-2026 **TBD TBD** 2026-2027 2027-2028 **TBD** JAZZ BARI SAX 2024-2025 She Rote No. 2 from The Charlie Parker Omnibook - Eb (Q=236) Hal Leonard 2025-2026 TBD 2026-2027 TBD

JAZZ TRUMPET

2027-2028

TBD

2024-2025	Passage from Jazz Conception - Trumpet by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2025-2026	TBD
2026-2027	TBD
2027-2028	TBD

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JAZZ TROMBONE

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2024-2025	C Major (based on Take the A-Train) - p. 4-5 from 24 Jazz Etudes for Trombone by Jack
Gale	
2025-2026	TBD
2026-2027	TBD
2027-2028	TBD

JAZZ BASS TROMBONE

2024-2025 Tunisia from Jazz Conception - Bass Trombone - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

2025-2026 TBD 2026-2027 TBD 2027-2028 TBD

JAZZ RHYTHM SECTION REQUIREMENTS

All jazz rhythm section auditions will include the required etude and improvisation. Please read instructions for each instrument carefully.

Scales and Sight Reading are not required.

Solo etudes will be performed without CD accompaniment.

Guitar, bass, piano and jazz vibes students will perform the improvisation with the CD accompaniment (see below for details).

Drummers will perform their improvisation without CD accompaniment.

REGION JAZZ RHYTHM ETUDE LIST

JAZZ GUITAR

2024-2025	Friends from Jazz Conception – Guitar by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2025-2026	Rose from Jazz Conception - Guitar by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2026-2027	A Doll from Jazz Conception - Guitar by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2027-2028	IND Line from Jazz Conception - Guitar by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

- 1. Play solo etude as written.
- 2. Using chord changes from the same solo etude, comp through the entire etude, in the style of the piece, with no melody, as if backing up a soloist on another instrument. For the first chorus, comp in the Freddie Green/Count Basie style. For remaining choruses, comp with free rhythmic interpretation.
- 3. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment.
- 4. Students must provide their own patch cords and guitar tuner.

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2024-2025	Groove Blues (F Blues) from Jazz Conception – Guitar by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
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2025-2026	Grease (Bb Blues) from Jazz Conception – Guitar by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2026-2027	Groove Blues (F Blues) from Jazz Conception – Guitar by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or
	Alfred
2027-2028	Grease (Bb Blues) from Jazz Conception – Guitar by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

Use this track as a play-along for improvisation.

- 1. Improvise right from the beginning of the track for 4 choruses total.
- 2. This portion of the audition will be performed with CD accompaniment.
- 3. Note: if you turn the balance on your stereo to the left, the solo line will be eliminated allowing you to be the soloist.

<u>JAZZ PIANO</u>	
2024-2025	Friends from Jazz Conception – Piano by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2025-2026	Rose from Jazz Conception - Piano by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2026-2027	A Doll from Jazz Conception - Piano by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2027-2028	IND Line from Jazz Conception - Piano by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

- 1. Play solo etude as written.
- 2. Using the chord changes from the same solo etude, comp through the entire etude using both hands, in the style of the piece, with no melody, as if backing up a soloist on another instrument.
- 3. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment.

AND

2024-2025	Groove Blues (F Blues) from Jazz Conception – Piano by Snidero -
	Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2025-2026	Grease (Bb Blues) from Jazz Conception – Piano by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2026-2027	Groove Blues (F Blues) from Jazz Conception – Piano by Snidero -
	Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2027-2028	Grease (Bb Blues) from Jazz Conception – Piano by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

- 1. Use this track as a play-along for improvisation.
- 2. Improvise right from the beginning of the track for 4 choruses total.
- 3. Improvise solo in right hand, comp in left hand.
- 4. This portion of the audition will be performed with CD accompaniment.

5. Note: If you turn the balance on your stereo to the left, the solo line will be eliminated allowing you to be the soloist.

JAZZ VIBE	<u> </u>
2024-2025	Friends from Jazz Conception – Piano by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2025-2026	Rose from Jazz Conception - Piano by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2026-2027	A Doll from Jazz Conception - Piano by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2027-2028	3 IND Line from Jazz Conception - Piano by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

- 1. Play solo, melodic top staff only.
- 2. Using the chord changes from the same solo etude, comp through the entire etude using both hands, in the style of the piece, with no melody, as if backing up a soloist on another instrument.
- 3. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment.

AND

2024-2025	Groove Blues (F Blues) from Jazz Conception – Piano by Snidero -
	Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2025-2026	Grease (Bb Blues) from Jazz Conception – Piano by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2026-2027	Groove Blues (F Blues) from Jazz Conception – Piano by Snidero -
	Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2027-2028	Grease (Bb Blues) from Jazz Conception – Piano by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

- 1. Use this track as a play-along for improvisation.
- 2. Improvise right from the beginning of the track for 4 choruses total.
- 3. Improvise a solo, only; no comping.
- 4. This portion of the audition will be performed with CD accompaniment.
- 5. Note: If you turn the balance on your stereo to the left, the solo line will be eliminated allowing you to be the soloist.

JAZZ BASS	
2024-2025	Friends from Jazz Conception – Bass by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2025-2026	Rose from Jazz Conception - Bass by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2026-2027	A Doll from Jazz Conception - Bass by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2027-2028	IND Line from Jazz Conception - Bass by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

- 1. Play etude as written.
- 2. Using the chord changes from the same etude, create an original walking bass line over the entire etude, in the appropriate style, as if backing up a soloist on another instrument.
- 3. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment.
- 4. Bass players may audition on acoustic or electric bass.

AND

2024-2025	Groove Blues (F Blues) from Jazz Conception – Bass by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2025-2026	Grease (Bb Blues) from Jazz Conception – Bass by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2026-2027	Groove Blues (F Blues) from Jazz Conception – Bass by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or
2020-2021	Alfred
2027-2028	Grease (Bb Blues) from Jazz Conception – Bass by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

- 1. Use this track as a play-along for improvisation.
- 2. Improvise right from the beginning of the track for 4 choruses total.
- 3. This portion of the audition will be performed with CD accompaniment.
- 4. Note: if you turn the balance on your stereo to the left, the solo line will be eliminated allowing you to be the soloist.

JAZZ DRUMS

2024-2025	Friends from Jazz Conception - Drums by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2025-2026	Rose from Jazz Conception - Drums by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2026-2027	A Doll from Jazz Conception - Drums by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2027-2028	IND Line from Jazz Conception - Drums by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

- 1. Play etude as written. *Please play the transcription, NOT the lead sheet.*
- 2. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment.

Improvisation Requirement

- 1. At quarter note = 110, trade fours for a total of 24 measures.
- 2. Play swing time for four measures, then solo for four measures.
- 3. Repeat this sequence three times for a total of 24 measures.
- 4. Repeat steps 1 through 2 at quarter = 200

Supplemental Jazz Drums Requirement

Be prepared to play the following:

- 1. 16 bars OF TIME in a **Latin Style** (bossa nova or samba are acceptable)
- 2. 8 bars OF TIME in a **Funk Style** (quarter note = 100)
- 3. 8 bars OF TIME in a **Jazz Ballad Style** using brushes (quarter note = 60)

ALL-STATE JAZZ RHYTHM SOLO LIST

Please be aware that the need for "Jazz Vibes" will be determined by the All-State conductor for that year

**For the 2024-2025 School year, we will pilot a LIVE rhythm section audition. Rhythm section students auditioning for All State will audition with 3 live musicians in the audition room.

JAZZ GUITAR

2024-2025	Days of Wine and Roses (Solo Version) from The Wes Montgomery Guitar Folio,
	Improvisations and Interpretations by Kahn - Aebersold
2025-2026	West Coast Blues (Q=144) from The Wes Montgomery Guitar Folio,
	Improvisations and Interpretations by Kahn - Aebersold
2026-2027	Canadian Sunset from The Wes Montgomery Guitar Folio, Improvisations and
	Interpretations by Kahn - Aebersold
2027-2028	Freddie the Freeloader from The Wes Montgomery Guitar Folio, Improvisations and
	Interpretations by Kahn - Aebersold

- 1. Play the etude as written.
- 2. Using chord changes from this etude, comp through the entire etude, in the style of the piece, with no melody (as if backing up a soloist on another instrument).
 - a. For the first chorus, comp in the Freddie Green/Count Basie style.
 - b. For remaining choruses, comp with free rhythmic interpretation.
- 3. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment.

4. Students must provide their own patch cords and guitar tuner.

AND

2024-2025	Great Love (chord changes for the standard No Great Love) from Jazz Conception – Guitar
	by Snidero – Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2025-2026	Two Plus Two (H=99) from Jazz Conception by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2026-2027	Autumn from Jazz Conception by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2027-2028	Tunisia from Jazz Conception by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

- 1. Use this track as a play-along for improvisation
- 2. Improvise right from the beginning of the track for 4 choruses total.
- 3. This portion of the audition will be performed with CD accompaniment
- 4. *NOTE:* If you turn the balance on your stereo to the left, the solo line will be eliminated allowing you to be the soloist.

JAZZ PIANO	
2024-2025	Someday My Prince Will Come from The Wynton Kelly Collection - Muller/pub. Aebersold
2025-2026	Bye Bye Blackbird from The Wynton Kelly Collection - Muller/pub. Aebersold
2026-2027	Oleo from The Wynton Kelly Collection - Muller/pub. Aebersold
2027-2028	No Blues from The Wynton Kelly Collection - Muller/pub. Aebersold

- 1. Play solo etude as written
- 2. Using the chord changes from the same solo etude, comp through the entire etude using both hands, in the style of the piece, with no melody, as if backing up a soloist on another instrument
- 3. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment

AND

2024-2025	Great Love (chord changes for the standard No Great Love) from Jazz Conception - Piano
	by Snidero – (Do not use "Piano Comping" Book) Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2025-2026	Two Plus Two (H=99) from Jazz Conception by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2026-2027	Autumn from Jazz Conception by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2027-2028	Tunisia from Jazz Conception by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

- 1. Use this track as a play along for improvisation.
- 2. Improvise right from the beginning of the track for 4 choruses total.
- 3. Improvise solo in right hand, comp in left hand.
- 4. This portion of the audition will be performed with CD accompaniment.
- 5. *NOTE:* If you turn the balance on your stereo to the left, the solo line will be eliminated allowing you to be the soloist.

JAZZ BASS 2024-2025

Mr J.B Blues (Jimmy Blanton w/ Duke Ellington) from THE BASS TRADITION Past, Present, Future by Todd Coolman

-play etude up until the key change back to G major (marked Arco)

-play 4 choruses of blues in G

2025-2026 Tricotism (Oscar Pettiford) from THE BASS TRADITION Past, Present, Future by Todd Coolman -play the Melody as written then play the bass solo as written; -you may use optional alternate measures for the bridge if desired; -play 2 choruses of bass lines over the form of the tune (use the solo portion of the etude as your chord reference); 2026-2027 It Could Happen To You (Sam Jones w Charles McPherson) from THE BASS TRADITION Past, Present, Future by Todd Coolman -play the etude as written -play 2 choruses of bass lines over the form of the tune 2027-2028 Blue Spring (Paul Chambers/Kenny Dorham) from THE BASS TRADITION Past, Present, Future by Todd Coolman -play etude as written -play four choruses of bass lines over F blues

- 1. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment.
- 2. Bass players may audition on either acoustic or electric bass.

AND

2024-2025	Great Love (chord changes for the standard No Great Love) from Jazz Conception – Bass
	by Snidero – (Do not use "Bass Lines" Book) – Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2025-2026	Two Plus Two (H=99) from Jazz Conception by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2026-2027	Autumn from Jazz Conception by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2027-2028	Tunisia from Jazz Conception by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
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- 1. Use this track as a play-along for improvisation.
- 2. Improvise right from the beginning of the track for 4 choruses total.
- 3. This portion of the audition will be performed with CD accompaniment.
- 4. *NOTE*: If you turn the balance on your stereo to the left, the solo line will be eliminated allowing you to be the soloist.

JAZZ VIBES	
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2025-2026	Bye Bye Blackbird from The Wynton Kelly Collection - Muller/pub. Aebersold
2026-2027	Oleo from The Wynton Kelly Collection - Muller/pub. Aebersold
2027-2028	No Blues from The Wynton Kelly Collection - Muller/pub. Aebersold

- 1. Play solo, melodic top staff only.
- 2. Using the chord changes from the same solo etude, comp through the entire etude using both hands, in the style of the piece, with no melody, as if backing up a soloist on another instrument
- 3. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment

AND

2024-2025	Great Love (chord changes for the standard No Great Love) from Jazz Conception – Piano
	by Snidero – (Do not use "Piano Comping" Book) Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2025-2026	Two Plus Two (H=99) from Jazz Conception by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2026-2027	Autumn from Jazz Conception by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred
2027-2028	Tunisia from Jazz Conception by Snidero - Advance/Aebersold or Alfred

1. Use this track as a play along for improvisation.

- 2. Improvise right from the beginning of the track for 4 choruses total.
- 3. Improvise a solo, only; no comping.
- 4. This portion of the audition will be performed with CD accompaniment.
- 5. *NOTE:* If you turn the balance on your stereo to the left, the solo line will be eliminated allowing you to be the soloist.

JAZZ DRUMS

Ya Gotta Try from The Ultimate Drumset Reading Anthology by Houghton – Alfred
 Basie Straight Ahead (Q=200) from The Ultimate Drumset Reading Anthology for the Working Drummer by Steve Houghton - Alfred
 Coffee and Castanets from Studio and Big Band Drumming by Steve Houghton - Barnhouse
 Mambo de Memo from The Ultimate Drumset Reading Anthology by Steve Houghton - Alfred

- 1. Play the etude as written. Please play the transcription, NOT the lead sheet.
- 2. This portion of the audition will be performed without CD accompaniment.

Improvisation Requirement – Jazz Drums

- 1. At guarter note = 110, trade fours for a total of 24 measures.
- 2. Play swing time for four measures, then solo for four measures.
- 3. Repeat this sequence three times for a total of 24 measures.
- 4. Repeat steps 1 thru 3 at J = 200

Supplemental Requirement – Jazz Drums

Be prepared to play the following:

- 1. 16 bars of time in a **Latin Style** (bossa nova or samba are acceptable)
- 2. 8 bars of time in a **Funk Style** (J = 110)
- 3. 8 bars of time in a **Jazz Ballad Style** using brushes (J = 60)