

WSMA High School State Honors Music Project

2026 Bassoon Audition Requirements

The WSMA State Honors Music Project is a nationally-recognized program of excellence for talented Wisconsin students. Students apply in November, audition in February, are selected in March, attend a summer camp in June, and perform in October during the Wisconsin State Music Conference in Madison. By providing talented youth with the opportunity to rehearse and perform with nationally-known conductors in a professional setting, students bring back their new skills to share in their school music programs. Honors students also form lifetime friendships with others who share their level of commitment to music.

ELIGIBILITY

Students in grades 9, 10 and 11 from WSMA-member schools are eligible to audition for the High School State Honors Music Project. WSMA recommends that students participate in a regularly scheduled music class. Student eligibility is determined at the school level by the principal (or designated staff). All selected students must attend the summer camp and fall performance.

SIGHT-READING

Each student will sight-read two excerpts during their audition. To prepare, practice 6/8 meter and syncopated rhythms in 4/4 meter.

REQUIRED ETUDE

50 Bassoon Studies for Advanced Players, Opus 8, No. 2, J. Weissenborn, CF O2951. Play No. 18.

REQUIRED SOLO

Play a 3-minute excerpt of a current WSMA Class A solo - unaccompanied.

SCALES

Perform from memory the scales provided below, and also play a chromatic scale that demonstrates your full range at your fastest speed with even rhythms.

The scales are presented in five staves, each in bass clef and 2/4 time. The tempo marking is quarter note = 120.

- Staff 1:** Bb Major (Concert Bb). The scale starts on Bb and ends on Bb.
- Staff 2:** Ab Major (Concert Ab). The scale starts on Ab and ends on Ab.
- Staff 3:** Db Major (Concert Db). The scale starts on Db and ends on Db.
- Staff 4:** C Major (Concert C). The scale starts on C and ends on C.
- Staff 5:** G Major (Concert G). The scale starts on G and ends on G.