



California Alliance for Jazz All-State

Jazz Audition Instructions

High School Jazz Choir (SET A)

THE HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ CHOIR AUDITION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 15TH, 2025

Important:

Students and Directors:

Please read all guidelines before recording your audition. By following the instructions you can ensure to submit a successful and valid audition. Audition materials, registration, and payment links are posted on the CAJ website www.cajazz.org. All steps must be completed by **OCTOBER 15TH, 2025.**

Directors of All-State students must be members of CAJ. [Click here to join.](#)

Recording

- Your recorded audition tracks will only be accepted through Drive Uploader.
- Select from the following voice options: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass
- No speaking/talking/verbal count-off of any kind.
- Accompaniments such as Aebersold, Band-in-a-Box or Backing Tracks found i.e., on YouTube are accepted for pieces #4 and #5. You may also submit a recording with live accompaniment, but please DO NOT have any speaking on your recordings.

Audition Music - Cycle A

1. **Chromatic Scale**

Your choice of syllables. One octave, ascending and descending, quarter notes at q=120 bpm

2. **Blues Scale**

Your choice of syllables. One octave, ascending and descending, quarter notes at q=120 bpm

3. **“Ain’t Nobody Here But Us Chickens”** (see attached)

A cappella on your voice part from the top to the end of measure 8.

4. **“Emily”** Mandel/Mercer (see attached)

Sing the lead.

Note: Do not improvise for this track.

5. **Blues Improvisation** (2-3 choruses any key)

It is recommended to sing along to an accompaniment. If no live accompaniment is available, you can use a backing track like [this one](#).

Audition Upload

- Recordings must be in MP3 format and titled with your name and what they are.
Example: Fitzgerald_Ella_Chromatic Scale.mp3
- Create a folder titled with your name in the following naming convention
LASTNAME_FIRSTNAME_VoicePart
Example: FITZGERALD_ELLA_Alto
- Place the five separate audition tracks into your folder
- Follow the appropriate link below to open the uploader portal
- Upload your entire folder by dragging to the Drive Uploader or use the “select folder” button to browse your files
- If uploading from your phone, you may need to upload single files. Make sure the files have your name in the title otherwise we may not know whom to attribute those recordings.

[Soprano Audition Upload Link](#)

[Alto Audition Upload Link](#)

[Tenor Audition Upload Link](#)

[Bass Audition Upload Link](#)

Note: Auditions will be accepted from September 1, 2025, with an upload deadline of 11:59 PM on OCTOBER 15TH, 2025.

Registration

Fill out the [Registration Form](#)

Audition Payment

Go to www.cajazz.org and pay your \$25 fee to audition.

Directors

Directors of All-State students need to be members of the California Alliance for Jazz (CAJ)
Register or renew your membership at www.cajazz.org

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFO:

If you are selected to participate in one of our 2025 All-State ensembles, there is a non-refundable participation fee which is due once the audition results are posted. All students will be CASMEC-housed. There are no exceptions. For reference, the participation fee for 2025 was \$680. For 2026, this cost will likely increase slightly due to the increased costs for housing and food. This fee will be due mid-late November 2025. Electronic payments are preferred. CAJ offers scholarships for students with financial needs.

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