

# 2023 Oboe Audition Guidelines

## How to apply:

To apply for the orchestra program, applicants will prepare an audition consisting of the components listed below. Each audition location will have a warm-up space available for applicants to use prior to their audition.

### 1. 2-Octave Chromatic Scale starting on C

- Higher scores will be given to scales played accurately and evenly throughout the whole range
- Playing with or without vibrato will have no effect on applicant's score

### 2. Solo Piece of Applicant's Choice

*Applicants should choose a piece that demonstrates their ability to play **lyrically** since the Selected Excerpt (below) will demonstrate their technical ability. The chosen Solo Piece can be a solo, etude, All-State etude, or excerpt from an orchestral work.*

- Work of applicant's choice that demonstrates overall musicianship
- Maximum of one minute in length
- Must provide a copy of the selected work for the audition
- Does NOT have to be memorized
- No accompaniment

### 3. Selected Excerpt

- *48 Studies for Oboe (or Saxophone) Op. 31* by W.F. Fering, ed. Schuring, Kalmus

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### 4. Sight-Reading

- Each applicant will have a 45-second study period to review the music before performing the excerpt. Applicants may not make sound on their instruments during this review time.

Audition Tips:

**Applicants may wear casual/comfortable attire.** Since auditions are blind and will be audio recorded for scoring at a later date, judges will not be present at auditions.

**Visit the sight-reading practice and preparation resources below.** Remember, the best way to become a better sight reader is to PRACTICE sight reading!

- [10 Tips and Tricks for Sight Reading Music](#)
- [4 Sight-Reading Tips Liszt Wants You to Know](#)
- [5 Steps to Mastering Sight Reading](#)

Click to view a sight reading example of comparable difficulty [here](#).

Judging Criteria:

**PLEASE NOTE:** OSAI audition scores may be used to determine chamber music, music electives, or orchestra part assignments, so prepare for the OSAI audition accordingly. Auditions for all disciplines are as blind as possible, meaning that judges will not have applicants' names, ages, hometowns, etc.

**Scale – 5%**

**Solo – 10%**

**Excerpt – 10%**

**Sight reading – 25%**

**Overall tone, intonation, technique, and rhythm – 50%**

[Read general information about our adjudication procedures here.](#)

**Allegretto risoluto.**

16 *f*

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13 *cresc.* *f*

17 *mf* *ff*

21 *p* *cresc.*

25 *f*

29 *ff*

Detailed description: This page of a musical score for Oboe contains measures 16 through 30. The music is in 3/4 time and D major. It features a complex, rhythmic melody with many sixteenth and thirty-second notes. The dynamics are marked as follows: *f* (forte) at measure 16, *cresc.* (crescendo) leading to *f* at measure 13, *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *ff* (fortissimo) at measure 17, *p* (piano) and *cresc.* at measure 21, *f* at measure 25, and *ff* at measure 29. The score includes various musical notations such as slurs, accents, and dynamic markings.