

Student Audition Quick Checklist

Prepared musicians perform with confidence and continuously improve.

PLAN FIRST

- ☐ Confirm audition date, time, and location
- ☐ Review required music and skills
- ☐ Learn the audition format (blind or in-person)
- ☐ Confirm sight-reading expectations
- ☐ Check accompanist information

PRACTICE SMART

- ☐ Practice in short, focused sessions
- ☐ Spread practice across multiple days
- ☐ Set daily goals (tone, rhythm, articulation, musical expression)
- ☐ Start slowly and increase tempo gradually

FIX THE CHALLENGING EXCERPTS

- ☐ Identify challenging passages or transitions
- ☐ Practice small sections repeatedly (10x rule)
- ☐ Combine sections only after consistency is achieved

PREPARE TO PERFORM

- ☐ Record yourself and listen back
- ☐ Practice full run-throughs without stopping
- ☐ Perform for teachers, peers, or family
- ☐ Practice starting confidently

TRAIN YOUR MIND

- ☐ Use slow breathing to stay calm
- ☐ Visualize success
- ☐ Practice positive self-talk

AUDITION DAY

- ☐ Get enough sleep
- ☐ Eat well and stay hydrated
- ☐ Warm up properly
- ☐ Dress professionally
- ☐ Arrive early

During the audition:

- ☐ Breathe and stay calm
- ☐ Recover confidently from mistakes
- ☐ Remain professional

After the audition:

- ☐ Say thank you in person
- ☐ Send a brief thank-you email or handwritten note
- ☐ Reflect on growth
- ☐ Celebrate your effort

