



Colorado
Youth Bands

Clarinet Audition

Fall 2026 · Concert Band & Honor Winds

HOW AUDITIONS WORK

Your audition determines **chair placement within your ensemble only**. It does **not** decide which ensemble you are placed in. Ensemble placement is earned separately by meeting the program's achievement standards. Prepare the material for your ensemble.

Concert Band

CLARINET

SCALES – play as written ($\text{♩} = 80$)



EXCERPTS – NO MEMORIZATION REQUIRED

Excerpt – No. 8, Marcia · Risoluto ($\text{♩} = 92-100$)



SIGHT-READING

- ♦ Provided at the audition.

Honor Winds

CLARINET

SCALES — assigned at the audition

- ◆ Perform two Major scales and one Harmonic minor scale, assigned at the audition. Assigned keys range from no sharps/flats up to 4 sharps/flats.
- ◆ Play the assigned scales following the Concert Band scale template above, but at $\text{♩} = 120$.

EXCERPTS — NO MEMORIZATION REQUIRED

Excerpt 1 — No. 8, Marcia · Risoluto ($\text{♩} \geq 120$)

Marcia · Risoluto

8.

poco f

sf

p dolce

Excerpt 2 — No. 24, Vivace ($\text{♩} \approx 100$)

Vivace

24.

mf

SIGHT-READING

- ◆ Provided at the audition.

Speed is always less important than tone quality, accuracy, and musicality. Auditions evaluate the player and their preparation — care and musicality always beat speedy sloppiness.