



Colorado
Youth Bands

Trumpet 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

TRUMPET

SCALES – prepare the scales below

♦ D $\flat$ Major ♦ F Harmonic minor ♦ C Chromatic

ETUDE – NO MEMORIZATION REQUIRED

Concert Band Etude – Allegretto grazioso (♩ = 116)

mf

9 p f 3

17 mp

25 ff mp 3 3 3

a. 33 mf

36

SIGHT-READING

♦ Provided at the audition.

Honor Winds

TRUMPET

SCALES – prepare the scales below

- ♦ D $\flat$ Major
- ♦ F Harmonic minor
- ♦ C Chromatic

ETUDES – NO MEMORIZATION REQUIRED

- ♦ Prepare both the Concert Band Etude (page 1) and the Honor Winds Etude below.

Honor Winds Etude – Moderato ($\text{♩} = 88$)

The musical score for the Honor Winds Etude is presented in six staves, each containing measures of music for the trumpet part. The tempo is Moderato, with a quarter note equal to 88 beats per minute. The key signature is one flat (D $\flat$ Major or F Minor). The score includes various dynamics and articulations: *cantabile* (measures 1-4), *mp* (measures 1, 8, 19), *marziale* (measures 5-8), *f* (measures 5, 9, 12, 15), *con spirito* (measures 9-11), *mp* (measures 10, 18), *cresc.* (measures 12-14), *maestoso* (measures 15-18), and *p* (measures 21-22). The piece concludes with a final measure on staff 6.

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.