

**Florida Orchestra Association
Sight Reading Music Selection Guidelines
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Sight-reading music will be selected from newly published music whenever possible and fit the following criteria as close as possible.

Class E (1/2)	Key:	D Major (no key changes)
	Meter:	4/4
	Position:	First Position for all instruments
	Tempo:	Moderate Speed
	Rhythms:	Half, quarter, and eighth notes/rests
	Bowings:	Detache and slurs (stepwise)
	Symbols:	Pizz, + (left hand pizz), cresc and sign for cresc
	Dynamics:	p, mp, mf, and f
	No Solos	
	Length:	2 minutes
Class D (1)	Key:	D, G, & C Major and b & e minor (F & C Major for FO only) (avoid melodic minors due to high third fingers for Violin 2/Viola, extensions for Cello, and low 1's)
	Meter:	2/4, 3/4, and 4/4
	Position:	First position for Violin/Viola/Cello String Bases: up to D on the G string
	Tempo:	Allegretto, Andante, and Moderato. Tempo alternatives acceptable i.e. Ritard, Accelerando
	Rhythms:	Whole, half, quarter, eighth notes/rests, and dotted half notes
	Bowings:	Detache, Slurs, Ties, Accents, and Staccato
	Symbols:	Repeat sign, First and Second Endings, D.C. and D.S. al fine
	Dynamics:	pp, p, mp, mf, f, and ff
	No Solos	
	Length:	2 – 3 minutes
Class C (2)	Key:	D, G, & C Major (F and Bb Major for Full Orchestra only) and b, e, a, & d minor (May change keys once)
	Meter:	2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 6/8
	Position:	Primarily first position for all instruments. Cello may have extensions. String Bass – half, first, and third positions (with lower octave written in as an option)
	Tempo:	Allegretto, Andante, Moderato, and Allegro. One tempo change
	Rhythms:	Whole, half, quarter, eighth notes/rests and dotted quarter/half notes
	Bowings:	Detache, Slurs, Ties, Staccato, Accents, and Hooked Bowing (simple hook in groupings of two)
	Symbols:	Repeat sign, First and Second Ending, D.C/D.S al fine, and D.S. al Coda
	Dynamics:	pp, p, mp, mf, f, and ff
	No Solos	
	Length:	3 minutes

Class B (3)

Key: Up to 2 sharps and 2 flats and their relative minors
(May change keys up to two times)

Meter: 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 5/4, 6/8, and Cut time
More than one-meter change

Position: Violins and Violas up to 3rd Position. Cellos and Basses up to 4th position.

Tempo: Allegretto, Andante, Moderato, Allegro (may have more than one tempo change)

Rhythms: Whole, half, quarter, eighth, sixteenth notes/rests, dotted quarter/half notes, syncopation (written in a standard format i.e. beams), and triplets

Bowings: Detache, Slurs, Ties, Staccato, Accents, Hooked bowing, Loure, and Tremolo

Symbols: Repeat sign, First and Second Ending, D.C./D.S. al fine, D.S. al Coda, and Fermata

Dynamics: Full range

Solos: May be doubled at director's discretion

Length: 4 minutes

Class A (4)

Key: Up to 3 sharps and 3 flats and their relative minors
(May change keys up to three times)

Meter: 2/4, 3/4, 4/4, 5/4, 6/8, and Cut time
More than one-meter change

Position: Violins, Violas, and Cellos up to fifth position
String Bass from half to fifth position

Tempo: Allegretto, Andante, Andantino, Moderato, Allegro, and Vivace
(Tempo changes may occur)

Rhythms: Whole, half, quarter, eighth, sixteenth notes/rests, dotted quarter/eighth/half notes, syncopation (written in standard form i.e. beams), and triplets

Bowings: Detache, Slurs, Ties, Staccato, Accents, Hooked bowing, Loure, and Tremolo

Symbols: Repeat sign, First and Second Ending, D.C./D.S al fine, D.S. al Coda, and Fermata

Dynamic: Full Range

Solos: May be doubled at director's discretion

Length: 4 – 5 minutes

If the Class A music selection performance time is over 5 minutes the group will be given the amount of time of instruction listed on score. The overall time allotment in the SR room should not need to be extended.