



All County 9th & 10th Grade Viola Requirements 2021

D Major 2 Octave Scale & Arpeggio – Quarter note=144



F Major 2 Octave Scale & Arpeggio – Quarter note=144



Exerpt From Farandole – Quarter note=132

Farandole, Bizet arr. Isaac All-County 9-10 2021
101 to m. 148 ♩=132 Viola - 2

101 Start
109 marcato
117
125 smoothly
133
141 mf marcato
149 stop smoothly

*Markings in red are only suggestions - they are not required for the audition and any bowings are subject to change

All County Viola Practice Notes

Marcato Bow Stroke – The famous catch and release!

Step 1: Place your bow on the string and let your arm weigh it down so that your bow is fully engaged with the string

Step 2: Wiggle your bow around with your fingers. Try to do this without making noise on the string. This helps you feel how much weight you have in the string.

Step 3: Release! Pull the bow across the string with a fast bow speed.

Step 4: Repeat steps 1-3, but this time on the up bow.

Repeat as much as you need to get the feel of catching and releasing your bow on each note.

Practice this excerpt in three tempos (slow, medium, and tempo) so that you can really hear the bite on every single note. The slow tempo could be **quarter note=60**, medium could be **quarter note=96**, tempo is **quarter note=132**

Rhythmic Precision – Stay steady to keep the power in the music!

Use subdivision to keep the  figures super steady.

Step 1: Break up the rhythm into the smallest possible subdivision – 16th notes.

Step 2: Remove the first part of the subdivision, but say the 16th notes out loud so that it stays extremely internalized. “1-e-and-a, 2-e-and-a 3” is the best way to say the rhythmic breakdown.

Step 3: Play as written, but say the subdivision out loud as you play it.

*Practice all 3 steps of this process in 3 tempos – slow, medium, and tempo. Do not move on to the next tempo until your rhythmic precision is spot on in the slower tempos! The slow tempo could be **quarter note=60**, medium could be **quarter note=96**, tempo is **quarter note=132**