The University of Texas String Project
Promotional Guidelines
(current as of 2/26/2015)

Pre Ensemble B

- Bring Position Checklist form signed by private teacher.
- Plays consistently with good posture. See Position Checklist.
- When using left hand - places the fingers in tune and adjusts intonation if needed.
- Plays all the Twinkle rhythms with good stops on all open strings.
- Plays one octave scale using the takataka stop stop rhythm.
- Knows the open string note names and can identify note names in repertoire.
- Can play with silent bow landings in the upper/lower part of the bow.

VIOLIN/VIOLA BEGINNING ENSEMBLES
BVEA / BVlaEA

- Bring Position Checklist form signed by private teacher.

- Has mastered the proper form for his/her instrument, demonstrating consistent good position and bow hold. See Position Checklist.

- Has mastered all of the Twinkle Variations using stopped bows, and is currently performing repertoire between Lightly Row and Andantino. Repertoire performed for promotional jury is memorized two weeks before the jury date.

- Students are expected to study all repertoire leading up to the piece required for promotion. Students may be asked to play a piece to demonstrate review and preparation of learned repertoire.
• Scales and Arpeggios: One note per bow

  **Violin:** One octave: A Major, D Major  
  **Viola:** One octave: D Major, G Major

• Can name open strings and names of notes used in present repertoire.

**BVEB / BVlaEB**

• Bring Position Checklist form signed by private teacher.

• Has mastered the proper form for his/her instrument, demonstrating consistent good position and bow hold. See Position Checklist.

• Has mastered all required skills for previous ensembles.

• Has mastered all of the Twinkle Variations using stopped bows, and is currently performing repertoire between Etude and Two Grenadiers. *Repertoire performed for promotional jury is memorized two weeks before the jury date.*

• Students are expected to study all repertoire leading up to the piece required for promotion. Students may be asked to play a piece to demonstrate review and preparation of learned repertoire.

• Demonstrates mastery of long bows, circle bows with controlled landings, and accents (for Twinkle theme) as requested by the jury panel. Techniques present in range of required repertoire.

• Performs with independent fingers.
• Scales and Arpeggios: One note per bow

**Violin:** One octave: A Major, D Major; Two octave: G Major

**Viola:** One octave: D Major, G Major; Two octave: C Major

• Can demonstrate hooked bows (dotted quarter followed by an eighth note) and 2, 3 and 4 note slurs in scales

• Can name notes used in present repertoire.

• Note reading: Sight reads rhythms consisting of half, quarter, eighth and sixteenth notes on open strings, and identifies open strings on staff.

**CELLO/BASS BEGINNING ENSEMBLES**

**BCEA / BBE**

• Bring Position Checklist form signed by private teacher.

• Has mastered the proper form for his/her instrument, demonstrating consistent good position and bow hold. See Position Checklist.

• Has mastered all of the Twinkle Variations and is currently performing repertoire between Lightly Row and Andantino for bass, and repertoire between Lightly Row to Rigadoon for cello. *Repertoire performed for promotional jury is memorized two weeks before the jury date.*

• Students are expected to study all repertoire leading up to the piece required for promotion. Students may be asked to play a piece to demonstrate review and preparation of learned repertoire.
• Scales and Arpeggios: One note per bow

**Cello**: One octave: D Major, G Major
**Bass**: One octave: G Major

• Can name open strings and names of notes used in present repertoire.

**BCEB**

• Bring Position Checklist form signed by private teacher.

• Has mastered the proper form for his/her instrument, demonstrating consistent good position and bow hold. See Position Checklist.

• Has mastered all required skills for previous ensembles.

• Has mastered all of the Twinkle Variations and is currently performing repertoire between Etude and the end of Book 1. *Repertoire performed for promotional jury is memorized two weeks before the jury date.*

• Students are expected to study all repertoire leading up to the piece required for promotion. Students may be asked to play a piece to demonstrate review and preparation of learned repertoire.

• Demonstrates mastery of long bows, circle bows with controlled landings, and accents (for Twinkle theme) as requested by the jury panel. Techniques present in range of required repertoire.

• Performs with independent fingers.
• Scales and Arpeggios: One note per bow

  **Cello**: One octave: D Major, G Major; Two octave: C Major

• Can name open strings and names of notes used in present repertoire.

• Note reading: Sight reads rhythms consisting of half, quarter, eighth and sixteenth notes on open strings, and identifies open strings on staff.

**Elementary Orchestra**

• Bring Position Checklist form signed by private teacher.

• Has mastered the proper form for his/her instrument, demonstrating consistent good position and bow hold. See Position Checklist.

• Has mastered all required skills for previous ensembles.

• Plays with consistently accurate intonation and resonant tone quality.

• **Violin/Viola/Cello**: Has mastered all of Suzuki Book 1 through the following piece in Suzuki Book 2, or a comparable level.
  - Violin: Waltz
  - Viola/Cello: Chorus from Judas Macabeus

• **Bass**: Has mastered all of the Twinkle Variations in Suzuki Book 1 through French Folk Song in D Major with shifts, with appropriate bow distribution.
• *Repertoire performed for promotional jury is memorized two weeks before the jury date.*

• Students are expected to study all repertoire leading up to the piece required for promotion. Students may be asked to play a piece to demonstrate review and preparation of learned repertoire.

• Performs with independent fingers.

• Scales and Arpeggios: One note per bow

  **Violin:** One octave: C Major, F Major, D Major, d melodic minor; Two octave: G Major, A Major
  **Viola:** One octave: G Major, F Major, Bb Major, g melodic minor; Two octave: C Major, D Major
  **Cello:** One octave: G Major, F Major, Bb Major, d melodic minor; Two octave: C Major, D Major
  **Bass:** 1/2 position one octave F Major and Bb Major; 1st position one octave G Major

• Sightreads at the middle of Suzuki Book 1 level.

• Can name all notes chromatically in first position on instrument.

**Intermediate Orchestra**

• Bring Position Checklist form signed by private teacher.

• Has mastered the proper form for his/her instrument, demonstrating consistent good position and bow hold. See Position Checklist.

• Has mastered all required skills for previous ensembles.
• Plays with consistently accurate intonation and resonant tone quality.

• Tunes own instrument.

• Students must have a recommendation from the current EO conductor regarding acceptable social behaviors and rehearsal etiquette.

• **Violin/Viola:** Has mastered pieces from Suzuki Book 1 to Humoresque, with shift, in Suzuki Book 3, or a comparable level.
• **Cello:** Has mastered pieces from Suzuki Book 1 to Scherzo in Suzuki Book 3, or a comparable level.
• **Bass:** Has mastered all of the Twinkle Variations through the Bach Minuet at the end of Suzuki Book 1, or a comparable level.

• *Repertoire performed for promotional jury is memorized two weeks before the jury date.*

• Students are expected to study all repertoire leading up to the piece required for promotion. Students may be asked to play a piece to demonstrate review and preparation of learned repertoire.

• Shifting: Shifts consistently with smooth shifting motion, thumb and hand moving together and fingers in a functional position.

  **Violin/Viola:** shifts into 3rd position  
  **Cello:** shifts into 2nd and 4th positions  
  **Bass:** shifts into 2nd and 3rd positions

• Performs with independent fingers.

• Scales and Arpeggios: Steady tempo and memorized

  **Violin:** Two octave: Bb Major, D Major (must include shift), a melodic minor
Viola: Two octave: Eb Major, G Major (must include shift), c melodic minor
Cello: Two octave: Eb Major, G Major (must include shift), d melodic minor
Bass: One octave: A Major, C Major, g melodic minor; Two octave F Major

- Sightreads at the beginning of Book 2 level.
- Can name all notes chromatically in first position on instrument and the names of notes in other positions in present repertoire.

Advanced Orchestra

- Bring Position Checklist form signed by private teacher.
- Has mastered the proper form for his/her instrument, demonstrating consistent good position and bow hold. See Position Checklist.
- Has mastered all required skills for previous ensembles.
- Plays with consistently accurate intonation and resonant tone quality.
- Uses vibrato in musical contexts.
- Students must have a recommendation from the current IO conductor regarding acceptable social behaviors and rehearsal etiquette.

- Violin/Viola: Has mastered pieces from Suzuki Book 1 up to Vivaldi’s Concerto in a minor, movement 1 in Suzuki Book 4
- Cello: Has mastered pieces from Suzuki Book 1 to the beginning of Suzuki Book 4 (excluding Moon over Ruined Castle), or a
comparable level. Students should be able to perform Marcello Movement II and read notes in tenor clef.

- **Bass**: Has mastered pieces from Suzuki Book 1 to the beginning of Suzuki Book 4, or a comparable level.

- Repertoire performed for promotional jury is memorized two weeks before the jury date.

- Students are expected to study all repertoire leading up to the piece required for promotion. Students may be asked to play a piece to demonstrate review and preparation of learned repertoire.

- Shifting: Shifts consistently with smooth shifting motion, thumb and hand moving together and fingers in a functional position.
  
  **Violin/Viola**: shifts into 2nd to 5th position  
  **Cello**: shifts into 2nd, 3rd, 4th positions and extensions  
  **Bass**: shifts into 2nd, 3rd, and 4th positions

- Can play Twinkle Theme on one string with one finger starting on first finger B on the A string.

- Performs with independent fingers.

- Scales and Arpeggios: Steady tempo and memorized

  **Violin**: Two octave E Major, e melodic minor, Three octave G Major  
  **Viola**: Two octave A Major, a melodic minor, Three octave C Major  
  **Cello**: Two octave A Major, a melodic minor, Three octave C Major  
  **Bass**: Two octave G Major, a melodic minor, A Major

- Sightreads at the middle of Book 3 level.
• Understands and can describe note relationships across strings in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions.

Chamber Orchestra

• Bring Position Checklist form signed by private teacher.

• Has mastered the proper form for his/her instrument, demonstrating consistent good position and bow hold. See Position Checklist.

• Has mastered all required skills for previous ensembles.

• Plays with consistently accurate intonation and resonant tone quality.

• Uses vibrato in musical contexts and can control speed, width and intensity.

• Students must have a recommendation from the current AO conductor regarding acceptable social behaviors and rehearsal etiquette.

• Cello: Cellists can read, and sight read, musical passages that alternate between tenor and bass clef.

• Violin/Viola/Cello: Has mastered all of Suzuki Book 1 through the following piece or a comparable level:
  o Violin: Vivaldi, concerto in g minor movement 1 or 3. Students should be prepared to play part of the Bach Double Concerto.
  o Viola: Vivaldi, concerto in c minor movement 1 or 3
- **Cello**: Breval Rondo from Book 6
- **Bass**: Has mastered all of the Twinkle Variations in Suzuki Book 1 through Vivaldi Sonata 3 (originally written for cello); movement II, or a comparable level, and be able to read in treble clef and can play in thumb position.

- Repertoire performed for promotional jury is memorized two weeks before the jury date.

- Students are expected to study all repertoire leading up to the piece required for promotion. Students may be asked to play a piece to demonstrate review and preparation of learned repertoire.

- Shifting: Shifts consistently with smooth shifting motion, thumb and hand moving together and fingers in a functional position.

- Performs with independent fingers.

- Scales and Arpeggios: steady tempo and memorized

  - **Violin**: Three octave: A Major, D Major, g melodic minor
  - **Viola**: Three octave: D Major, Eb Major, c melodic minor
  - **Cello**: Three octave: D Major, F Major, c melodic minor
  - **Bass**: Two octave: Bb Major, D Major, d melodic minor

- Sightreads at the middle of Book 4 level.

- Understands and can describe note relationships across strings in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions.

- Can demonstrate the following orchestral bowings in selected excerpts: Spiccato and hooked bowing.