

RESIDENTIAL HIGH SCHOOL PIANO AUDITION VIDEO GUIDELINES

Audition Video Requirements

As a Residential High School Music applicant for piano, you are required to submit a video audition comprised of the following components:

Camera Placement

A profile view (from the side) is preferred for the video. Be the piano and your hands are visible in the video.

Video Order

1. Introduce yourself - "My name is (your preferred name and last name)."
2. Introduce & play your first solo. - "My first solo is (title) by (composer)."
3. Introduce & play your second solo. - "My second solo is (title) by (composer)."
4. Introduce & play your scales. - "My scales are (name of two scales)."

Two Solos

Perform two solos of contrasting styles; ideally performed from memory.

Examples of ideal audition pieces are:

- An Invention or a Prelude & Fugue by J.S. Bach
- A sonata or sonatina movement by a Classical composer such as Clementi, Haydn, or Mozart
- A character piece by a Romantic composer such as Mendelssohn, Chopin, Schumann or Grieg
- Any modern composition (Bartok, Prokofiev, Copland, etc. or later)

One Major & One Minor Scale (four octaves each)

Choose scales from the keys listed below that best demonstrate your tone quality, facility, and control.

- Keys of A, E, F, B-flat, E-flat, or A-flat major
- Keys of e, b, f#, c#, d, g, c, or f minor

Tips to Ensure a Quality Recording

Record your audition in a clearly defined interior space, making sure the acoustics in the room are strong.

Hallways are not usually the best place to record.

Avoid rooms with an echo or “boomy” sound, if possible.

Try to choose a room with a door you can close to limit other noises on your recording.

After Recording the Application Video

Watch your video! Make sure the image is upright (not sideways) and plays like you want it to be seen.

Make sure the piano and your hands can be clearly seen.

Save the name of your file with your last name and preferred name *DO NOT* delete the file type when renaming. Ex. Smith.Jane.mp4

For directions on how to submit your video, download and read the *Music Video Submission Guidelines* PDF.

Contact Information

For information or assistance, contact Zaylee Butler in the Office of Admissions at applymusic@scgsah.org or call 864.270.5339