

# Semester 1 EOC

## 8th Grade

The EOC for the 8th grade band will take place in class on **Monday, December 16th**. The 8th grade band students will be expected to have **six major scales** prepared for the EOC test. These scales have already been performed for playing tests in class, so this should be a review for you. The following scales should be played from memory and with the correct number of octaves. Students may use their circle of fifths cheat sheet, but nothing else for their test.

Major Scale (Concert)
F Major
B-flat Major
E-flat Major
A-flat Major
D-flat Major
G-flat Major *one octave

You will need to be able to perform these scales, but Mrs. Flory will only require you to perform **two major scales** on the day of the EOC. She will draw them from a hat and you will need to perform them from memory. Minimum tempo is 120 bpm.

### Practice Techniques:

- Slur the scale slowly
  - Check to make sure you are playing the right notes
- Slur the scale again and focus on being very even with your fingers
- Play rhythm games with slurs
  - Long short long short (skipping rhythm)
  - Short long short long
  - Long** short short short
  - Short **long** short short
  - Short short **long** short
  - Short short short **long**
- Play the scale as written, but slurring
- Pull scales from a bowl to practice them randomly.
- Metronome Game
  - Start at 60 BPM and play it
  - Push yourself
    - Go up 20 to 80 BPM and play it
  - Give yourself a break
    - Go down 10 to 70 BPM and play it
  - Push yourself (up 20)
  - Break (down 10)
  - Repeat
- Play it three times perfectly before speeding it up
- Add in the articulation and repeat any of the above steps.