



I.M. TERRELL  
ACADEMY FOR STEM AND VPA

## 2019-20 VPA Academy Requirements Piano Auditions



Students will audition before a panel of directors, administrators and a community partner/professional educator. Each student will follow the same audition procedures listed below.

### Audition Requirements:

- Performance Components
  - Students will prepare and perform **two** contrasting pieces
    - Please limit your total performance to no more than 5 minutes
    - If the student chooses an extended, or multi-movement work, they may choose to play an excerpt from the piece that best showcases their talents and abilities
    - Playing from memory is not required
    - Pop selections are not appropriate
  - Students will prepare and perform the following scales with both hands simultaneously\*
    - Major keys - Students will be asked to play one of the following scales: C, G, D, A, E, B
    - Major keys - Students will be asked to play one of the following scales: B $\flat$ , E $\flat$ , A $\flat$ , D $\flat$ , G $\flat$
    - Minor scale - Students will be asked to play the “a” **minor** scale in **all three forms** (natural, harmonic, melodic)  
*\*Scales are to be performed with two hands together, two octaves, ascending and descending. Performance need not be fast, but must demonstrate knowledge, ability, and confidence. Fingering must conform to standard practice.*
  - Students will sight-read a simple two-part piece in C Major
- Musical Knowledge Assessment
  - Students will take a brief music theory test; content will include the following:
    - Identification and notation of notes, rhythms, and rests, key signature identification, chord structures, and basic music symbols (i.e. time signature, dynamics, & tempo markings)
- Face-to-Face Component
  - Every student interested in the I.M. Terrell VPA will participate in a 15-minute dialog with members from the campus staff.
    - The campus staff will ask each student a series of questions, as well as provide each student the opportunity to ask questions and to share why they wish to be in the program

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