

VIOLIN—FOUNDATION LEVEL

Performance Exam Requirements
Duration of examination: 8 minutes

Scales and Arpeggios (Memory is required.)

Play one scale: One-octave D or A major scale, starting on open string

Metronome: quarter note = 60-69

Bowing for scales: Separate quarter notes using half or whole bows

No arpeggios required

Note: All required scales for this level are printed on the pages following the repertoire listing.

Etudes and/or Pieces

(Memory is strongly recommended and will be graded.)

Two selections of at least eight measures each showing the use of two or more strings and fingers

Sight-reading

None

Recommended Goals for the Foundation Level

Good posture

Good left-hand position

Good bow hold

Good intonation

Correct rhythm

Use of half bows or whole bows

Meters 2/4 and 4/4

Examples of Music Suitable for Foundation Level

Note: Teachers may choose any publisher or any other works of comparable level. Listings with asterisks cover more than one level. Please check the guidelines and recommendations for this level to determine if a selection is level appropriate.

Scale Books

Applebaum: Scales for Strings, Book 1 (Alfred)

Cohen: Scaley Monsters for Violin (Faber)

Herfurth: A Beginning Scale Book (Boston)

Whistler/Hummel: Elementary Scales and Bowings (Rubank)