

Junior All-State Terms

a tempo	in time; generally implies a return to the original rate of speed
accelerando	gradually faster
al fine	to the finish
allegretto	light and moderately quick, but not as fast as allegro
allegro	rapid; lively
andante	moderately slow, but moving
andantino	generally a little quicker than andante
animato	animated; spirited
cantabile	in a singing style
chromatic	by semi-tones
coda	the final added measures of a musical composition
con brio	with spirit; brilliantly
con spirito	with spirit; brilliance
crescendo	gradually louder
da capo	from the beginning
dal segno	from the sign
decrescendo	gradually softer
diminuendo	gradually softer
dolce	sweetly
etude	a study
fermata	a hold or pause
forte	loud
fortissimo	very loud
grazioso	gracefully
largo	very slow
legato	smooth and connected
maestoso	majestically
marcato	marked; with emphasis
marziale	martial
mezzo	medium; half
moderato	moderately
molto	very
pianissimo	very softly
piano	softly
poco a poco	little by little
presto	very fast
rallentando	gradually slower
ritardando	gradually slower
segno	the sign
solì	more than one performer in unison
solo	a composition or passage for one performer
staccato	separated, detached style
tacet	silent
tempo	time; speed
tenuto	sustain full value