Pershing Music Audition Rubric

Interview — 10 Points

Qualifier	Description
Consistently (9–10)	Responds confidently, clearly, and professionally. Demonstrates strong understanding and thoughtful answers.
Usually (7–8)	Responds clearly most of the time; minor hesitation but overall prepared and professional.
Rarely (4–6)	Responses are unclear or incomplete; demonstrates limited preparation.
Never (0–3)	Unable to answer questions; shows no preparation or professionalism.

Prepared Piece — 40 Points

Qualifier	Description
Consistently (36–40)	Performs with confidence, accurate notes/rhythms, strong tone, and musical expression.
Usually (28–35)	Mostly accurate; minor errors but maintains good tone and musical intent.
Rarely (15–27)	Frequent note/rhythm errors, inconsistent tone, limited musicality.
Never (0–14)	Unable to perform the piece accurately; little to no preparation evident.

Technique — 30 Points

Qualifier	Description
Consistently (27–30)	Demonstrates excellent control, correct fingerings/positions/solfege, articulation, and steady tempo.
Usually (20–26)	Good technique overall; some errors but maintains control.
Rarely (10–19)	Technique issues frequently affect performance quality.
Never (0–9)	Lacks basic technique; major issues throughout.

Sight Reading — 20 Points

Qualifier	Description
Consistently (18–20)	Accurate rhythms and notes, steady tempo, confident playing.
Usually (14–17)	Some errors but maintains pulse and attempts correct notes/rhythms.
Rarely (7–13)	Difficulty maintaining tempo, frequent errors.
Never (0–6)	Unable to complete the sight-reading example.