## 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade Terms for All-State Theory Test

Ritornello "little return"; a recurring passage in Baroque music

**Tr** (*Trill*) an ornament consisting of a rapid alternation of

two adjacent notes

Key signature F

**Cresc. Poco a poco** crescendo little by little; gradually get louder a little

at a time

Seven beats per measure and the eighth note receives

one beat; usually grouped 2+2+3 or 3+2+2

(Accent) articulation mark that denotes emphasis

should be placed on a particular note

**Mf** (Mezzo forte) medium loud

**Poco rallentando** a little amount of gradual slowing

A tempo in time, return to the original tempo

Adagio slowly

**Legato** smoothly; indicates no break between notes

**Morendo** a decrease in volume or tempo, but often affects both;

to make the sound slowly die away

(Staccato) A style of singing notes in a detached and

separated manner

(Fermata) indicates that the note should be prolonged

beyond its normal duration

**8va** (Ottava) indicating a note or series of notes will be

played an octave higher than written on the staff

**Sfz** (Sforzando) to make a strong sudden accent on a note

or chord

**Andantino** medium slow; like walking speed

Marcato marked, played louder or more forceful

Adagio misterioso slowly and with mystery

**Poco allargrando** a little broadening of the tempo

Meno mosso with less movement

Piu mosso, poco rubato with more movement and a little taking part of the

duration of one note and giving it to another; stretching,

slowing or hurrying the tempo

Meno mosso, dolcissimo with less movement and sweetly, softly, with tender

**Emotion** 





Key signature Ab

Time signature in which there are 3 beats per measure

and the half note receives one beat