

THE FJH MUSIC COMPANY
Series Description Guidelines

Beginning Band Series
Grade 1

- * Keys: Bb, Eb, (F), and relative minors
- * Meters: 4/4, 2/4, 3/4
- * Rhythms: Quarter notes, eighth notes, dotted quarter
- * Should be approximately 50–70 measures (assuming 4/4 time)
- * Great care should be taken to write idiomatically for each instrument using good voice leading
Avoid awkward skips (particularly in Bass Clarinet and Bari Sax)

Instrumentation:

Flute

Oboe (always doubled)

Bassoon (doubles trombone, but supply its own line in score)

Bb Clarinet 1 & 2 (one part is also acceptable - always below break)

Bb Bass Clarinet (doubles trombone - always below the break)

Eb Alto Sax (occasional div. acceptable, but not very often)

Bb Tenor Sax (always doubled)

Eb Baritone Sax (doubles trombone)

Bb Trumpet 1 & 2 (one part is also acceptable)

F Horn (always doubled – often in A. Sax and T. Sax)

Trombone

Baritone/Euphonium (doubles trombone)

Tuba (doubles trombone 8vb)

Bells

Optional Timpani (if desired)

Snare Drum/Bass Drum

Percussion (a second part is encouraged, but should be optional. This way, groups with a lot of percussionists can keep them all busy)