Davis High School Symphony Entrance Audition Checklist and Tips

Checklist:

- Tuner. Check to make sure the calibration is A=440hz.
- Metronome.
- One copy of music for the adjudicator(s).
- Your copy of music, including scales. Neatly arranged.
- Any food that's high in potassium and slows down heart rate.

Before the audition:

- If you use different violins at school, use **ONLY the audition instrument at least 3 days** before the audition.
- On the day of the audition, **arrive at least 1 hour early to warm up.**
- Warm up by mostly playing the materials slowly.
- Tune the violin to the tuner very precisely.
- Check the speed with the metronome and memorize the speed (major scale at 144, minor at 120)
- Consume a banana or any high potassium food if you're nervous.

During the audition:

- Do not speak unless you're being questioned.
- Use the tuner to tune one last time. Check the double strings for discrepancy.
- If you make a mistake, do not go back or stop. It's very important to keep going.
- You may be asked to stop at the middle, or even skipped to certain measures. Do not panic. **It does not mean anything.**
- For sight reading, give priority to playing the rhythm correctly. Try not to stop. **Do not go back and fix anything. If you do, you'll get a bigger penalty.**

Last minute reminders (for any specific technical difficulties or spots):