

# Essential Knowledge Primer (EK)

Basic EK requirements for Piano Levels at SRS.

## EK Learning Categories:

1. Basic Note Recognition, Treble and Bass clefs.
2. Key Signatures. Major and Relative minor.
3. Basic Time Signatures, Duple and triple.
4. Note and Rest values, Ties and Dots.
5. All major scales, 1-Octave, Both hands.
6. Performance: Familiarity and performance of all basic "Strong-Hand", "Agile-Hand" and "Knowing Hand" exercises from "Warm-Ups 1" SP Curriculum.
7. Interval/Dyad knowledge. Identify all 12 Dyads for keys of C, F and G. Knowledge of Perfect 4ths and 5ths, major and minor thirds.
8. Two prepared repertoire pieces at level.
9. Basic Sight-Reading of new (unfamiliar) piece of music at Treble-Clef.

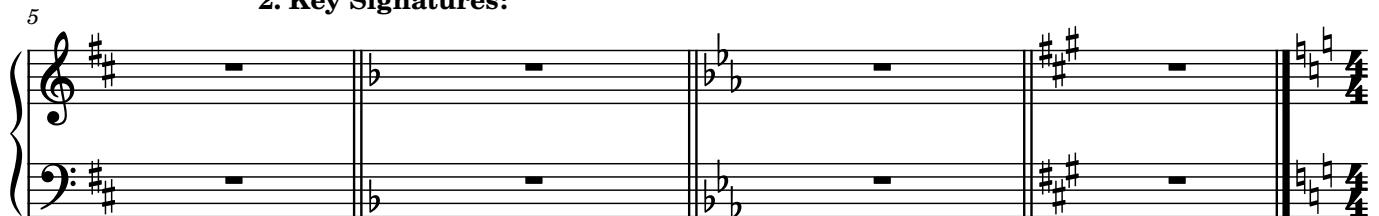
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## Practice Exercises for Assessment Finals:

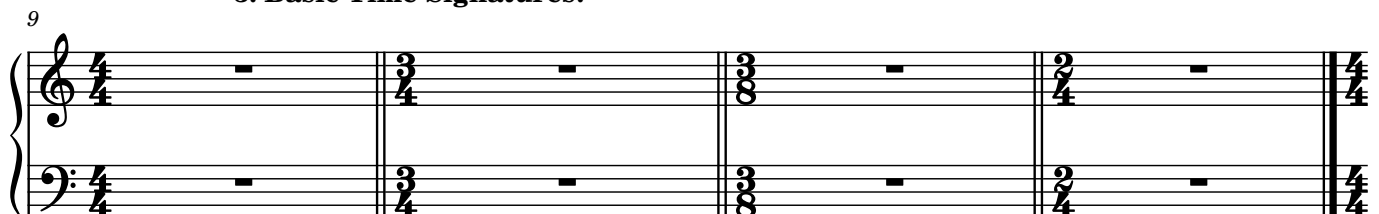
### 1. Note Recognition:



### 2. Key Signatures:



### 3. Basic Time Signatures:



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**(For categories 5 and 6 use appropriate Exercises from SP Warm-Ups.)**

21 **7. Dyad Identification::**

The musical notation for Exercise 7 is as follows:

Measure	Right Hand (Treble Clef)	Left Hand (Bass Clef)
1	G4, A4	G3
2	B4, C5	B2
3	D5, E5	D3
4	F5, G5	F2

25 **7. (Cont.) Dyad Knowledge:**

The musical score is written for piano on a grand staff with two staves. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The piece consists of four measures. The first two measures are separated from the last two by a double bar line. The melody is primarily in the right hand, featuring dyads (pairs of notes) and some single notes. The left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with dyads and single notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

**(8. Prepared pieces will be selected during the lesson process.)**

29 **9. Sight-Reading: Sample**

The musical score is written on a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff contains whole rests. The melody is as follows:   
Measure 1: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (eighth pair), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter).   
Measure 2: E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter).   
Measure 3: F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter).   
Measure 4: G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter).

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