Name of Instrument: Alto Flute

Range                          Most Used Range (written)                          Transposition

Sounds down a perfect 4th

Register Characteristics:

attractive, but easily covered                           brighter and stronger                                less characteristic, better avoided and given to the flute

Use in Ensemble: Alto voice in a small ensemble. Best used as a solo instrument with a light, thin accompaniment.

Parts of Instrument: head joint, body, footjoint

Response Problems: Not as agile as the flute or piccolo. Because of its size, it requires more breath.

Intonation Problems: Middle register

Fingering Problems:

Other Comments:
(1) Not a common member of the ensemble. It is usually and addition. Not frequently found in high school groups.
(2) Low register can be easily covered -use light scoring.
(3) Beware special effects. Ask the player what they can do.