

EVERMAN HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL DEPARTMENT

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All State Practice Guide

To be successful you will need to dedicate time to practice at least 5 days out of the week (lesson time does not count as practice time).

Sample Practice Schedule

Monday- 45min
Tuesday- Lesson
Wednesday- 45min
Thursday- 45min
Friday- Rest
Saturday- 45min
Sunday- 45min

*Closer to competition time, you should be practicing at least 1 hour a day.

What to practice on?

1. Warm Ups- (sirens, bubbles, scales)- 5min
2. Voice Training (whatever Mr. Ezell prescribes)- 5-10min
3. Text Study (practice saying words like a poem)- 5min
4. Songs- 5-10min each

Performance

1. Perform in front of mirror to help with stage presence
2. Perform for parents/ friends
3. Mock Audition with Mr. Ezell the Thursday before each competition.
4. Performance for the class

Text Study

1. Write the text out like a poem SEVERAL times to help with memorization.
2. Explore the meaning of the text. Why do you think the composer chose this text? How do you as a student relate to the text.
3. For pieces in foreign language, spend a considerable amount of time learning the correct pronunciation. Take it 1 syllable at a time. Try to speak the language as if you are having a conversation.
4. Recite the text like a poem. Perform it as if you are trying to express to someone your deep understanding of the text. Acting out the text is just as important as singing the text. It is important that you do this step with correct vowels.

Timeline

Summer: Starting next summer, everyone who wants to do all state will have to go to a all state camp. Bass Hall Camp in Fort Worth is FREE!

1st week of August: All State Refresher- we will go through music on solfege and make sure you know how to pronounce all foreign literature.

First Day of School: KNOW YOUR MUSIC- this is a very important milestone. Anyone who doesn't know their music by then WILL NOT be able to audition.

Once a week: Lessons- Each student must sign up for voice lessons either with a voice teacher or with Mr. Ezell. This is where you will get tips on how to prepare and what to work on during your practice time.

Wednesday Before: Cut Party- There will be a cut party for all auditionees. You will learn what your cuts are and will work on them during this time.

Thursday Before: Mock Auditions- Every auditionee will go through the entire audition process with a monitor, judge(s), recording and everything. This is the real deal.

Pride, Determination, Ability