

Subject Priority Standards High School – Intermediate Choir

Below is a table of the priority standards.

Creative Process	Priority Standards	Essential Skills
Performing	PA420.Pr.2.Ac - Document and demonstrate, using music reading skills where appropriate, how compositional devices employed and theoretical and structural aspects of musical works may impact and inform prepared and improvised performances.	 Identify the key signature to determine the tonal center (do) of a song. Demonstrate score marking strategies to identify unknown tempo and style terms. Sight-Reading/Rhythm/Literacy Accurately perform sight-reading passages including half notes/rests, quarter notes/rests, eighth notes/rests, sixteenth notes, and other rhythmic combinations (syncopa, dotted quarter notes, etc.) Read and sight-sing in major keys demonstrating steps and skips in root position of chords (major 3rds, minor 3rds, octaves). Read and sight-sing in la based minor keys demonstrating skips for I, iv, v in root position.
Performing	PA420.Pr.4.Ac - Develop and apply appropriate rehearsal strategies to address individual and ensemble challenges in a varied repertoire of music, and evaluate their success.	 Content Vocabulary Identify and accurately use content specific vocabulary including diphthongs, voiced and unvoiced consonants, a tempo, ritardando,

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		accelerando, dolce, and marcato. Identify and accurately use vocal quality terms including bright, dark, forward, free, vibrant, airy, strident, nasal, scoop, and pop. Use appropriate content vocabulary when discussing descriptions/like/dislikes of personal voice, vulnerability of the voice, bright/dark sound, vowel placement, posture, facial formations, etc.
Performing	PA420.Pr.5.Ac.a - Demonstrate mastery of the technical demands and an understanding of expressive qualities of the music in prepared and improvised performances of a varied repertoire representing diverse cultures, styles, genres, and historical periods.	Vocal Technique • Understand and apply concepts and skills related to vocal technique including vocal health, posture, breath management, tone quality, vocal registers, diction, pitch, intonation, balance, and blend.
Performing	PA420.Pr.5.Ac.b - Demonstrate an understanding of intent as a means for connecting with an audience through prepared and improvised performances.	Preparing for Performance Understand and demonstrate appropriate performance etiquette. Demonstrate the ability to convey musical intent through physical involvement when singing – i.e. posture, poise, facial expression, movement, etc.