



NMEA All-State Chorus Sight Reading Component

Parameters:

Time Signature: 4/4

Key Signature: Exercises may be in Concert C Major, D Major, or F Major.

Length: 8 measures long

Tempo: 94 BPM

Range: Limited to a M6 interval above DO/Tonic, P4 below DO/Tonic

Leaps: Leaps up to a 4th may be included

Note Values included: whole, half, quarter, eighth notes, dotted half, dotted quarter. Half rests, quarter rests.

Clef: Soprano, Alto, and Tenor (8va down) will read Treble Clef, Bass will read Bass Clef

Vocalization: Students can sing on a neutral syllable, solfege, number of scale degree, or count & sing

- Judge will only assess auditionee's ability to sing correct pitch at the correct time

Other factors: For those who use Sight Reading Factory, these exercises will most closely align with "Level 3" of this system.

Procedures:

- Students will need to see the screen of the computer being used to record the audition on Opus, either directly, or by projecting it onto a screen.
- Students may try a "test" recording as many times as they like. Each time they "test", they will see the same sample etude. All other aspects of the test will be identical to the actual recording process.
- For the actual performance, Opus will randomly select an exercise from a large pool of equivalent possible selections. These possible selections will be supplied to Opus by NMEA
- Once "record" is pressed, a selection will be shown, and a metronome will click off 1 measure of time. After this, a timer will countdown 45 seconds of time for the student to study the exercise and prepare.
- After the 45 seconds, the metronome will again click off a 1 measure intro, a starting pitch will be given, and the recording will automatically start.
- After the student has finished playing the exercise, the teacher should stop the recording. If stop is not pressed, it will end automatically after 45 seconds.
- The recording will then automatically process and submit.

Accommodations for visually impaired students:

Students auditioning for the All-State Choir who are visually impaired will complete the first 4 measure of the 8 bar sight reading exercise as a tonal memory test. A teacher may assist the audition by playing the exercise aloud, and the student will sing back the segment as played to the best of their ability. Adjudicators will be aware of this accommodation.